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LOOKING GLALSS

TO ALL

NATIONS.

DANIEL's Dream, John's Apocalyptic Viſion of the Beaſt, that it was and is not, and yet is; of the bottomleſs Pit, going into Perdition.

A Glimpſe of the latter Day Glory, ſeen Spiritually by a Pilgrim travelling through Time in the Light of the New Jeruſalem Church, looking for a New Heaven and a New Earth, a glorious ſpiritual World about to come.

Such Truths deſerve to be read and conſidered by all who wiſh to be ſaved.

And I ſaw Heaven opened,

REV. Chap. xi, ver. 19.

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PREFACE.

THE degeneracy of the Chriſtian World, in all its Sects and Parties, from the true Spirit of Chriſtianity and the Inſtitutions of Jeſus Chriſt viſibly appeareth, and all Sects of Men are ſo diſtempered, Sick and Weakly receive the Mark of the Beaſt on their right Hand and on their Forehead: John in his Apocalyptic Viſion foreſaw this, the Antichriſt, the Time and Reign of the Beaſt, Propheſied no Man might Buy or Sell, ſave he that had the Mark or the Name of the Beaſt, or the Number of his Name.

QUERY. Who is the Man that hath not the Mark?

ANSWER. The Scriptures plainly deſcribes it, Rev. Chap. xiii. Saying, no Man might Buy or Sell, ſave he that had this Mark. This Publication will ſerve as a Looking Glaſs to all the Nations of the World and deſerves to be read and conſidered by all who wiſh to be ſaved; for I now know old Things paſſing away, and all Things becoming new, as a Nurſling ſweetly feeding in the Orchard of free Grace, Salvation is the free Gift of God's

DEDICATION.

AS Men write concerning the Affairs of Men to pleaſe themſelves, or to pleaſe ſome favourite Party to raiſe their Honour and Eſteem amongſt Men, they dedicate their Publications to the Patronization of ſuch: But, as this Publication is wholly concerning the Love and Life of God, and a glorious ſpiritual World about to come, and as the whole World are wondering after the Beaſt, ſuch as wiſh the prolongation of this old World in its preſent State, neither will nor can patronize it.

In deep Humility and true Sincerity, this Publication is dedicated and devoted to the Patronization of divine Providence, under the Care, Wiſdom and Power of the Moſt High, whoſe Kingdom commands every Thing that hath being.

Next to the few, the hidden ones in Tribulation, ſanctifying and ſeparating from all the Evils of this World, being under the Protection of mighty Angels, purifying and trying, redeeming from the earthly Nature, watching ſtedfaſtly for the coming of Jeſus Chriſt in the Glory of his Father and his Angels, by Faith looking at Things unſeen, a glorious ſpiritual World about to come, of which I have received a foretaſte.

Beaſt on my right Hand and on my Forehead, in company with the great Men the Merchants of the Earth, Merchants of Slaves and Souls of Men, the Myſtery of Iniquity ſurrounded me, the Antichriſt deceived me, I was fettered in the Kingdom of the Beaſt, which is full of Darkneſs, it is a pleaſant Paſture for the old Nature, a broad Way for an old Creature to walk on, leading into Egyptian Bondage; for I felt it and was grieved under the galling Chains of Sin and Miſery, prayed earneſtly, through Faith believing, and the Lord wrought deliverance, and I now rejoice always as one who have obtained Mercy, thanks be to God for this Victory, who have called me out of Darkneſs into his marvellous Light, for the Path of the Juſt ſhine more and more clear unto the perfect Day; for I know now a ſeparation from Sin and Death, Devil, World and Self, yea a Dejunction from all Evil. and in Union to all that is good in Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt; ſends this Publication into a darkened World now in Chains, with great Love to my fellow Creatures, Peradventure ſome may repent and fly ſpeedily to Emmanuel's Land. O World, World, lay it to Heart, the matters of Eternity is ſolid and weighty, the long ſuffering patience of God is yet waiting, O Beloved Men, beloved Women, conſider it before the golden Pendulum of Time ceaſe moving, then Time ſhall be no more, Truth carries its own defence, its dreſs is in ſimplicity and is truly beautiful, ornamented with the

matchleſs Love to all Mankind, which cauſes me to Praiſe without ceaſing in the Light of the heavenly World, being under the Authority of the holy Spirit, the Opener of all Myſteries, the Well-ſpring of all heavenly Wiſdom, the mighty Power of divine Inſpiration, opening the Way to a ſpiritual Kingdom, the Subſtance of all heavenly Things, the hidden Treaſure that muſt be ſought for under the Power of the ſuffering Croſs of the princely Jeſus, who teſtified, he that would ſave his Life muſt loſe it, the Way to Glory is through many Tribulations, Hunger, Thirſt, Nakedneſs, Reproaches, Buffettings; theſe are the ſtrait Gates King Jeſus, our Princely Redeemer, paſſed through, a Way-mark to his Followers; aſtoniſhing Love of endleſs Admiration, who hath poured out of his Spirit upon all Fleſh, the Spirit of Prophecy reproving Sin, a Voice ſounding in the Center of the Soul, crying come out of Babylon my People; come out of her confuſions, the Trumpet of the Lord is now ſounding in the Evening of the World with a loud Voice, a warning to all Mankind, and to all Nations, to come out from beneath the great Iron Teeth, the Evils of the devouring Monſter, whoſe cankering Nails is Braſs Falſity, the fourth and laſt terrible and dreadful Beaſt that is to be upon this Earth, Daniel's Viſion, I am, by the Grace of God, what I am, once I was amongſt the great Number that are wandering after the Beaſt, the Dragon's followers, and had the Mark of the

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GOD's Prophet, Daniel, a Man greatly beloved and highly favoured with Dreams, Viſions, Revelations, Voices and Viſitations of heavenly Meſſengers, Prophecying to the four Winds of the Earth, ſaying, Having a Dream the Viſions of my Head upon my Bed, I ſaw four great

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1. The beaſtly Image now appears,
His marks on Sectaries all;
The little Stone will ſharply ſmite,
Satan's kingdom down ſhall fall.
2. The Dragon's habitation's dark;
Gog and Magog rage,
God's Trumpet's ſounding loudly now
A warning to this Age.

Beaſts come up from the Sea, differing one from another. The firſt Beaſt was like a Lion, the ſecond like a Bear, and the third like a Leopard, the fourth and laſt Beaſt upon this Earth, Daniel repreſents it dreadful and terrible, exceeding ſtrong, a compoſition of all the former three, with great Iron Teeth, Oppreſſion, and Nails of Braſs, greedily ſcratching all to itſelf, great is its Merchandize, dealing in Slaves and Souls of Men, being diverſe from all the other Beaſts with ten Horns, ten great outworking Evils, for it is the miſtery of Iniquity the Antichriſt viſibly appearing in Fleſh, over-ſpreading the whole Earth: For thus ſaith the beloved Prophet, the fourth Beaſt ſhall be the fourth Kingdom upon Earth, which ſhall be diverſe from all Kingdoms, and ſhall devour the whole Earth, and ſhall tread it down, accounting it its own, every one ſtriving for its piece of Earth. Daniel Chap. vii. The beloved Diſciple John, in the Iſle of Patmos, ſaw in his Viſions this fourth Beaſt, Rev. Chap. xiii. ſaying, And I ſtood upon the Sand of the Sea, and ſaw a Beaſt riſe up out of the Sea, having ſeven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten Crowns, and upon his heads the name of Blaſphemy, this laſt and dreadful Beaſt is like a Leopard, blackneſs and darkneſs, ſpotted with variety of falſe Devinations of ſwarming Sectaries, feeted like a Bear their ſtrong hold faſt to the Earth, and his mouth as the mouth of a Lion roaring for his Prey, devouring it on their Luſts, ſeeking their diſhoneſt Gain from every Quarter, greedily biting and gathering all into their own mouths, and the Dragon gives this Beaſt his Seat and great Authority, and he made War with the

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with darkneſs all over Chriſtendom, Wars, Contentions, ignorant Declamations, with great Confuſions, the evils of Life and falſity of Principles, tranſgreſſors wax worſe and worſe. By a pair of Balances is meant the eſtimation of truth, and its appearances, as to its reallity and goodneſs, is ſo ſmall as ſcarce to be of any account, it is now almoſt a total darkneſs over all the World. Behold! a pale Horſe, and his name that ſits on him is Death, and Hell follow with him. Death ſignifies truth, in its pure ſenſe, is loſt, the Witneſs ſlain, the World making merry over them, Men with their own gifts in the old nature, working in its own principle Falſehood almoſt a total Eclipſe is over all the contending Sects and Parties, the fourth and laſt ſtate of the World. By Hell is meant Damnation for the Evils of Life, and the falſehood in principles. The Day of the Lord is near, when all Rule and Authority in this old ſinning World will be put down; that Day ſhall burn as an Oven, the Beaſt and the falſe Prophet ſhall be caſt into the fiery Lake that burneth, for the great God of Heaven is about to ſet up a Kingdom that ſhall never be deſtroyed, for all Earthly Thrones ſhall be caſt down, the Powers of the Earth is coming to an end, the ancient of days is uttering the myſtery to his beloved, choſen, true and faithful the Lord's followers, who will come forth purified and tried in their ſnow-white Garments of purity, ſanctified and ſeparated from the evils of the World, redeemed from the earthly Nature, warning the World of God's love and mercifulneſs, and long ſuffering Patience; for he ſurprizes none, giving notice before his Judgments, as Noah warned the

Daniel and John in their Viſions ſaw this fourth and laſt Beaſt, that was to be upon the Earth, terrible and dreadful, caſting down the teſtimonies of God's Prophets, Apoſtles, Saints, and Martyrs for Jeſus Chriſt; ſo hath the Lord called me to make War in righteouſneſs with the Dragon's followers, and to cry aloud amongſt thoſe that are wondering after the Beaſt, peradventure ſome may repent; and to warn the Nations, that the Beaſt's reign is near an end. Here is Wiſdom, let him that hath underſtanding count the number of the Beaſt, for it is the number of a Man, and his number is ſix hunderd ſixty-ſix. The ſeven thunders are uttering, the ſeals are opening, the various ſtates of the Church is unfolding to whom God makes known the myſtery. The ſcripture Teſtimony declares concerning the Lamb, and the opening of the ſeals, Rev. Chap. vi. that a white Horſe, and he that ſat on him had a Bow, and a Crown, went forth Conquering and to Conquer. Conquering ſignifies Eternal Life, the Crown ſignifies the reward of Victory; Peace, Love, Faith, Charity, Truth, and all good was in the firſt ſtate of the Church. The opening of the ſecond ſeal, there went forth a red Horſe, and him that ſat thereon takes peace from the Earth, to kill one another with a great Sword; which ſignifies, truth in the Word is deſtroyed and caſt down, the Spiritual, and inward ſenſe of Scripture is hid and unknown to wrangling Sectaries, Men Senſual, Carnal and Earthly; each party ſhut up in their own evil Principles, their falſities made manifeſt. The opening of the third ſeal, and Lo, a black Horſe, and he that ſat on him with a pair of Balances in his hand. Black correſponds

ing and reſounding in the centre of your own Souls, Witneſſes of the power of God, the over-flowing Joys of heavenly Nature, kindled and lighted up in you, with your Lamps clear and ſhining more and more unto the perfect day, with prayer and praiſe without ceaſing to the Lamb that is worthy, caſting out the earthly Nature that defiled us, redeeming us from the Earth, our Bodies Temples for the Holy Ghoſt to dwell in, the Bride-chamber of our princely Bridegroom, who is altogether lovely—the voice of Love continually uttering the word of the Lord; Behold I ſtand at the door and knock, if any man will hear my Voice, and open the Door, I will come into him, and will Sup with him, and he with me, and to him that overcometh will I grant to ſit with me on my Throne, even as I alſo overcame, and am ſet down with my Father on his Throne, Rev. Chap. iii. ver. 20. aſtoniſhing and unparalleled Love, the nature of the holy City, the new Jeruſalem coming down from God out of Heaven, preparing his Bride, adorned for her Huſband; O ye living Temples of God, habitations of the holy Spirit, behold how we love one another, in the bond of unity of endleſs duration, waiting with one accord for the coming of our Lord, the redemption of the Earth, that now groaneth travelling in pain to be delivered with the manifeſtation of the Sons of God, Prophets and Apoſtles, and Martyrs of Jeſus, with all his Saints crowned with Love. Daniel and John's great Revelations, the word of the Lord is ſpiritual and precious, it is the hid treaſure ſpoke of by the Lip of Wiſdom that muſt be ſought for, for which Jeſus Chriſt bleſſed his Father, that he had hid

Antideluvians. Fire is coming upon the Ungodly, when the works of Men's hands ſhall be burnt up, for the greatneſs of the Kingdom under the whole Heavens ſhall be given to the People of the Saints of the moſt High, whoſe Kingdom is an everlaſting Kingdom, and all Dominions ſhall ſerve and obey him. O ye fair Company, who are in readineſs, waiting for the coming of your Lord, with your Loins girt with truth, your Lamps lighted, travelling out of the evils of the World, looking up with Joy unto the bright morning of Eternity. O ye beloved! O come away, haſten, haſten to this princely Kingdom, O ye humble, meek and lowly purified ones, who have come out of great tribulation, being tried with the refining Fire of Regeneration, paſſing from Furnace to Furnace, leaving the droſs of the old Nature behind, and now have become as Babes and Sucklings in Simplicity being under the Authority of the holy Spirit, looking continually to the ſweet ſuffering Croſs of the lovely Jeſus, who will ſoon lift us up to his own praiſes with ſplendour, where we ſhall be gathered to the glorious Hoſts of Heaven to ſing with the morning Stars, the Sons of God who ſhout aloud for Joy, being arked in God; the hour of Tribulation is ſuddenly coming upon all the World, to try them that dwell upon the Earth; the Spirit of the lovely Jeſus warning, ſaying, Behold I come as a thief, Bleſſed is he that watcheth and keepeth his Garments, leſt he walk naked, and his ſhame be made manifeſt, Rev. Chap. vi. ver. 15. O ye beloved and ſpiritual Travellers, who hears the Word of the Lord, the inviſible miniſtration of the holy Spirit, the ſweet ſmall ſtill Voice, ſound-

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BELOVED SIR,

SO long as your enquiry is concerning the things of Heaven and Eternity, on ſuch ſubjects will correſpond while time laſts, whereas our freedom flows ſpiritually from the unmeaſurable ocean of God's love. We never write, hear or ſpeak in the light of our heavenly Father but when our inner man is withdrawn out of the Spirit of this World. I now know myſelf in him who faſhioned me, to his praiſe for ever and ever, and the more ſpiritual in the wiſdom of God we are, the more communicative in the myſtery of Godlineſs, and as your enquiry runs thus, what that morning Star is that is riſen? What Vial, Seal or Trumpet are we under? What the Witneſſes are, and the Olive Trees, the two Candleſticks that ſtand continually before the God of the whole Earth? Sir, aſk no more of man, the deep things of God, as to theſe matters, they are a chain of Wonders. Bleſſed be the God of Heaven for ever and ever, Wiſdom is his free gift, his ſecrets is with the ſimple, the Lord is the portion of the bleſſed, for the Lord has ſhewn me them in part. Beloved Sir, thou muſt ſeek the

theſe things from the great and the wiſe men, to reveal them unto his Babes.

[*The* PILGRIMS SALUTATION.

1 God's Trumpet now do loudly ſound,
Rich treaſures now on Earth is found.

2 Peruſe the Hieroglyphick well,
God's Prophet John did it reveal.

3 It is a Dragon and a Beaſt,
All Nations with them are oppreſs'd:

4 They rule the World at——command,
Forehead mark and on right-hand.

5 The Scripture plainly doth reveal,
Without their mark, none buy or ſell.

6 Three unclean Spirits juſt like Frogs,
In Dragon Beaſt have their abode.

7 My deareſt Brethren carefully look
Within the boundries of this Book:

8 It will unfold to Nations all
The cauſes of ſo great a fall:

9 The way to Heaven clear doth ſhew,
If you'll but with the Pilgrim go.

World's falſe will-worſhips, the ſtreets of Sodom and Egypt, where alſo our Lord was Crucified, for all the Synagogues and Sects of whatever denominations are out of the Goſpel order, not in the obedience of the all things whatſoever our Lord has commanded, by not cleaving to the eternal Spirit and its glorious appearance in the temple of God, which is our Bodies, the Church of Chriſt, the ſpiritual Wonders opening in us the new Birth and glorious proceſs of a Regeneration, the immortal Seed, the quickening Spirit, Chriſt in us the hope of Glory, planted with him in the likeneſs of his Death, and in fellowſhip with his ſufferings, in the Garden to the Croſs, to the death of the Croſs, dying to all that is of the old Nature, and to all outward dead formal Will-worſhips, Traditions of men, the runnings and willings of the old Creature. When thus Crucified from all impure touching, taſting and handling the unclean thing, being Crucified to the World and the World unto us, our Life hid with our heavenly Father, who by his Almighty power raiſed up our Lord and Saviour, and by this Manifeſtation and Power we are raiſed to a glorious and firſt Reſurrection and ſpiritual Aſcenſion to Heaven in a Cloud, giving Glory to the God of Heaven. The Eye of the Soul looking forth as the Morning, the Seals and Wonders of Jehovah and the Lamb, opening in us the Glories of a ſpiritual World, angelic Trumpets ſounding down the myſtery of Godlineſs, the Joys of a heavenly World, to our eternal Joy and rejoicing. Then do we know the pouring out of the Vials on all that is carnal, black and darkneſs within our

Lord within yourſelf, and when thou findeth him you will find all your enquiry, and then you will know the morning Star, Chriſt our Saviour, the hope of Glory riſing beautifully in your own inward Horizon, the Almighty power of God drawing you to be a Citizen of the New Jeruſalem above. The wiſe Virgins, the Sons of Light, and Oil in their Lamps ſhining, the family of Light and Love, the two Witneſſes, the Son revealing the Father, and the Father bearing Witneſs of the Son in all the Sons of true Prophecy, hated of the World, wandering about in Sheep and Goat ſkins, in Dens and in Caves of the Earth, Prophecying in Sackcloth, through great Tribulations declaring Meſſages from the Court of Heaven, finiſhing the Scripture Teſtimony, the Goſpel to all Nations; the two Olive Trees, the two Candleſticks ſtanding continually before the God of the whole Earth, as it is written, and when they ſhall have finiſhed their Teſtimony, the Beaſt that aſcendeth out of the bottomleſs Pit ſhall make War againſt them, and overcome them, and kill them, and they that dwell upon the Earth ſhall reign over them, and make merry over the Witneſſes, the ſpiritual Merchants make Merchandize of the Scriptures, and of Slaves and Souls of men, the outward Prieſthoods of the World is gifted from one man to another, the true ſpiritual Worſhipers, who have in all Ages appeared witneſſing againſt the antichriſtian Spirit of the World, tormenting that nature which is of the Earth. Truth is of ſo ſmall account, and its followers few, correſponding to the ſmalleſt numbers two, two Witneſſes ſlain and unburied, lying on the ſtreets and broadways, ſpiritual Babylon, the

ſharp Arrows of Truth ſhot at Babylon, rejoicing at her dowfall; the Heavens, with Holy Apoſtles is called to rejoice over her Judgments, true and righteous is the Lord God that judgeth; this Teſtimony ſhall fly through the World, the meſſage of a King requireth haſte, for the time is at hand that there ſhall be but one King in all the Earth, and one Lord and his Name one, this bleſſed day is come to the writer of this Teſtimony. Haſten it, O Lord to all Mankind, rebuke the Nations, to beat their Swords into Plough-ſhears and pruning Hooks, to ceaſe from War. Pray Sir, Let us keep under our own Fig-tree to wait in ſilence, and when the Spirit of the Lord moves on our Waters to ſpeak or write, his Will be done on Earth as it is done in Heaven is the ſincere Wiſh and earneſt Prayer of your Friend for Eternity,

To ſerve you in

The LORD,

A PILGRIM.

own Earths, that all impurities be totally conſumed, and Chriſt the true Light in us ſhine more and more unto the perfect day, and all pureneſs of Spirit appear in the Temple of God, that God in us and to us may be all and over all, for at the pouring out of the ſeventh Vial there cometh a great Voice out of the Temple from the Throne, ſaying it is done. We hear no more the noiſe of War, but the great voices of Heaven, for the Antichriſt ſhall then be no more found with us, for the Tree of Life appears in the Paradiſe of God, the Ark of the Teſtament, Heaven is opened in us, a City built by God in the Soul, where the Pot of Manna is hid, the heavenly Food of the new Creation, yea all the rich Treaſures of Heaven is ours, for we are Chriſts and Chriſt is Gods, the Myſtery which have been hid in the bottom of the everlaſting Goſpel from Ages and Generations, now revealing by the miniſtration of the holy Spirit, for in the ſounding of the ſeventh Trumpet the myſtery of God ſhall be finiſhed and fully known in the New Jeruſalem Church, the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb is the Light thereof, the Walls of the City have twelve Gates, and in them the names of the twelve Apoſtles of the Lamb. New Jeruſalem coming down from God out of Heaven, the latter day Glory, the power and preſence of God in Spirit revealing the Truth in ſome ſuffering men, tried and purified, members of the myſtical Body of Jeſus Chriſt, choſen of God, made true and faithful with the rich Treaſures of Heaven in Earthen Veſſels, endowed with the Spirit of Prophecy in the kingdom of Peace and Righteouſneſs, diſcerning betwixt the Wicked and the Righteous, with

inner World, with great Joy and Love, with ſolemn and awful reverence in the preſence of the living God, and with the whole Family of Heaven in ſilence of half an hour. Oh! the unexpreſſable Wonder that follow this audience with the King in his Counſel Chamber; the Armies of Heaven, the Valiants in Iſrael are ſent forth with their Bows, and with their Crowns, as Conquerors, Trumpeters of the King of Heaven, proclaimers of the mighty Day of the Lord is come to judge the World by his Saints, the Angels, and pourers out of the Vials, and openers of the Seals, the myſteries of the Kingdom, the great Wonders of Heaven, this honour have all the Saints. Shout aloud, O Mount Sion our King is coming in his Glory, to gather his Saints from the four Winds of the Earth. Sing, O Inhabitants of the immoveable Rock of Ages, for the hour is come, true and righteous are his Judgments. O ye innocent Babes that utter praiſe, and harmleſs Sucklings that cry Hoſanna with the Valiants of Iſrael, our young Men are now going forth troubling the Armies of the uncircumciſed falſe Chriſtians wallowing in their Sins, breaking through and through their dark Hoſts. Worthy Youths in your Valour, overcomers of the evil one in the power of the Lord, with your Bows and with your Crowns; with the powerful Sword of the Spirit, your Armour well proved, that will beat in pieces many people and wound over the heads in all Nations the Dragon's followers the powers of the kingdom of darkneſs, making them fall, ſlaying your Lord's Enemies heaps upon heaps, returning in triumph, as Victors met by the pure, unſpotted Virgin praiſes, and in the Spirit,

LETTER III.

A ſolemn warning to all the World, being a blaſt of the ſeventh Trumpet ſounding in the Evening; by the Spirit of the mighty and ſtrong God of Sabaoth, a Voice to the true Church, for the Day of the Lord is at Hand.

TO the true Church, and all the ſcattered Saints in Iſrael cometh greeting in the Bowels of heavenly Love, that which hath come out of great Tribulation, and by the power of the Lord hath overcome, and is made more than a Conqueror, the eternal Word of God in my Heart, a Wonder in Heaven cloathed with the Sun having the Moon under my feet, and around my head a Crown of twelve Stars, in the light of the New Jeruſalem Church, have been in pain to bring forth the Man-child, have overcome by the power of the Lord, the World, the Devil and the Fleſh, the Son of Love, the heir of Heaven, the Holy Ghoſt born in me; the Life of the Soul, the holy Angel of the Lord, and welcome Meſſenger, the Son of the Moſt High, the harmleſs and innocent Babe is a new conceived, the Joy of my Soul to the praiſe of our God, the ſtrength of Iſrael, the ſeed of Faith in the inner Man, growing more and more unto the perfect Day. No more the Stable and Manger for our dear Prince, the dear Emanuel, God in us, the Inns, the Holy of Holies, the Chamber prepared for the Kings preſence, and here I dwell in the Manſion of eternal Bliſs, in the ſpiritual, inviſible,

of the Holy Jeſus, Meſſengers of Peace unto the Nations, with your Meſſages from the Court of Heaven, as innocent Lambs among Wolves, going forth in your ſeamleſs coats, without guile in great humility, without Money or Bag, but that which holds the Treaſure of the Kingdom of Heaven within, doing the Will of your Lord, and to obey in all things whatſoever he hath commanded, with the Seal of a ſure promiſe, Lo, I am with you always. O ye meek and lowly ſuffering Saints, whom the World is not worthy; often in great peril, hunger, cold, and nakedneſs, your harmleſs bodies gored with ſtripes and buffetting, and yet more than Conquerors, with your Treaſures in Heaven, the eternal Word, the divine power of God in your hearts, treading upon Serpents, making Satan's kingdom fall from Heaven as lightning, raiſing the dead from their Graves of Sin and darkneſs; breaking open the priſon doors, knocking off the heavy Chains and Fetters of miſery from the poor Captive that was condemned, gets free, caſting out Devils, adjuring the unclean Spirits in the power of the Lord, rejoicing your names being written in the Kingdom of Heaven. O ye beautiful and fair Company of Prophets, Prieſts and Kings, all in your Lord's Armour miniſtring Spirits to the heirs of Salvation——like flames of fire in love, with the great day of the Lord at heart, and are mighty in his power, kindling your heavenly Fires over all the Earth. that ſhall burn as an oven the evil powers of rage and diviſion. No peace there is for the wicked, that ſhall be as aſhes under the ſoles of your feet at the fiery Conflagration, the New Jeruſalem, with

and by the power, all richly adorned with the gifts and graces, like ſo many beautiful Queens, as Eſther with her Maidens, praying and praiſing earneſt for the kingdom. With great fear and awful reverence in the King's preſence, in obedience to your true Friend and heavenly Guide, the true Witneſs of God in your inner Man under the lowly ſuffering Croſs of Chriſt, from which cometh the power in trying times. Haman muſt die, no obedience nor bowing down to the Devil, nor the Servants of his kingdom, and then deliverence comes with joyful tydings to Iſrael, and with great joy to her Kings that are nurſing Fathers, and Queens her nurſing Mothers, Deborah's and Elders true and faithful, that have ſold all and found the Kingdom. Sharon's Fold with Flocks, the Valley of Achor the Shepherd's reſting place, who have gone into the Highways, the Lanes and the Hedges, and have gathered in the weak, the maimed, the blind into the ſpiritual Houſhold, day and night have watched over the Flock of Chriſt, the ſtraying Sheep in the Wilderneſs, and have born the Lambs in your Boſoms, and have looked well to your charge, in true Judgment ſeparating the precious from the vile, making a difference with ſome, and others as pulling them out of the Fire, with the Prayer in Faith, the true anointing that heal the Sick, loving your Enemies, doing every good thing to them that hate you, forgiving all injuries whatſoever. O ye ſhining Stars and Way-marks, with your Lights burning, walking in the Path of Wiſdom, meek and lowly, giving up your accounts with Joy, full of the power of the Lord, and honourable in Sion, Prophets of the Lord, Witneſſes

ders in the inner Man, being all in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, with the Lord's Voice in your mouths as a Trumpet, being all redeemed from ſin, ſtanding with the Lamb on Mount Sion, ſinging with all the heavenly Hoſts, Prophets and Apoſtles, a royal Prieſthood, a choſen Generation, redeemed by Jeſus Chriſt, the eternal Word, that he might preſent it to himſelf in his Father, without ſpot or wrinkle, holy and without blemiſh; and, O that all that are now called Iſrael, were the true Iſrael, is the earneſt prayer of Iſrael's friend, in the bowels of my heavenly Father's love, unchangeable in the Seed, the hidden life for ever in love, for the Glory of God, ſteadfaſtly looking up for the coming of Jeſus Chriſt, in the Glory of his Angels, to gather his Saints from the four Winds of the Earth, at the ſound of the laſt Trumpet, waiting in the inner Temple, girded with Truth, as a Girdle, in the power of my Lord, with great love for the ſpreading of Truth, have ſent forth many a fiery flying Roll to conſume in Sodom, and to lay waſte in Gomorrah, and to deſtroy in every dark Mountain of Babylon, that the Egyptian tongue may be confounded, and that the black Frogs that have come out of the Earth in clouds of darkneſs, the Locuſts, that have aſcended out of the bottomleſs Pit, may die, the unclean Rivers be dried up, that Iſrael's firſt born may paſs over in power and triumph, our Lord's works are marvellous in our Eyes, his coming in Spirit to the inner Temple, his Witneſs in the hearts of all men, and hath redeemed from Sin the fair company of Prophets, Prieſts and Kings, the true Worſhipers con-

the glory of the heavenly World, the Church looking forth as the morning, fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun, terrible as an army with banners. Furbiſhed is the ſharp ſword of the Lord's fiery Judgment coming over all the Earth, with a day of trouble. The Spirit of Truth is pleading with all Fleſh, the reſiſters, diſpiſers ſhall be ſlain, and the ſlain of the Earth ſhall be many, and the carcaſes of ſin an abhorring to all Saints. O! my dearly beloved in the Lord, as it were hid in this World, how dearly I love you all, and have come up to you through great Tribulation, fiery Trials, ſtraitning Baptiſms, hunger, thirſt, ſcornings, reproaches, drinking in the bitter cup the World's Gall and Wormwood, in trying ſeaſons looking on every ſide, when there was no man to help; with ſighs and groans, cries with tears, none could hear the Voice, but the Lord alone, in due time brought deliverence to Iſrael's friend, and Salvation came forth as the morning, for the Lord is with me, and in the centre of my Soul is the counſel of the living God, anointing me with the Spirit of Wiſdom, to proclaim the myſteries of the Kingdom, and to ſpeak a word in ſeaſon to the weary, with the tongue of the learned, under the bleſſed ſuffering Croſs of Chriſt, the ſtrong power, that his ſeat may face as a flint againſt all the powers of the kingdom of darkneſs, and have overcome in Victory the World the Devil and the Fleſh, Halelujah, praiſe to redeeming love echoes through every bleſſed life, all glorious in the kingdom, whoſe feet are beautiful as fine braſs, burned in the furnace, and ſet upon ſockets of fine Gold, Conquerors and overcomers, all richly adorned within, with Won-

Iſrael's Friend, a Servant to all men in the Lord, with fervency of Spirit, to walk in the Light of the heavenly World, to obey in all things whatſoever my Lord hath commanded, and to abide in the love of the All-things, receiving the Promiſe, Lo I am with you always, the heavenly Joys felt and known in the centre of my Soul, making way for a glorious Eternity. Alleuah, Amen.

LETTER IV.

To A. S. I.—R. *Where the true Church is—What makes a Chriſtian—How the Saints make War in Righteouſneſs againſt the Dragon's followers—What the ſeventh Trumpet is, ſounded by the ſeventh Angel—And what are the ſoundings—And great Voices in Heaven—Requeſting the Strictures to be read to the Biſhops of Canterbury—York—Durham, for the Wiſdom of Men is Fooliſhneſs with God.*

SIR,

Your LETTER of QUERIES is juſt come to Hand.

THEY are deep and weighty Queries, they are out of ſight of Fleſh and Blood, yet they do ſhine through its thick Lattices, it is only by the power of him that over-ſhaddoweth they can be known and anſwered; and ſo far as the Lord ſheweth me into the ſecrets of ſo glorious Myſteries, I

tinually praiſing, adoring the Moſt High God in ſolemn Songs, with melody of heart, crying, Worthy, worthy art thou, O Lord, to receive all power, all honour and Glory, never ceaſing praiſe with the pure heavenly Seed, in love to all the Saints, my life is hid with Chriſt in God by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, the unalterable Foundation, Jeſus Chriſt, the Rock and Glory of the Church through all the Ages, a fountain of Wiſdom, flowing, and overflowing. Poor diſtracted Chriſtendom, bent to back-ſliding from the Lord's Truth, the Grace of God appearing unto all, revealed in all your hearts, the love of God made manifeſt to all men. Rejecting the Counſel of the Lord's true Prophets, Meſſengers of Peace, your time is near over, your Night will come, and then great will be your Miſeries; Ignorance, Hypocriſy, Rage, War and Diviſions, Nations given up to bite and devour, and to be conſumed one of another, the Sword, Peſtilence Sickneſs and Deaths devouring without, Anguiſh and ſorrow within, the beginning of Sorrows, fore-runners of greater Judgments, Signs of the coming of the great and terrible Day, with the Lord's Battle-Axe and ſpiritual Weapon in the Lamb's War, the New Jeruſalem Church looking forth as the morning over all the Powers of the Earth, and to all the ſcattered Saints in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom I live in the hidden Life, and in great love to the ſpiritual Seed for the Glory of God, a lover of all men's happineſs; and, O that all men were thus ſo Wiſe in their Day to build on the Rock that no Storm, Winds, Rains, Floods in the dark Night of Diſſolation might hurt the Foundation is the Wiſh and earneſt deſire of

and Splendor of her Huſband, who hath adorned her with the richeſt Jewels, She is without ſpot or wrinkle, She is all glorious within. The Spouſe of Jeſus Chriſt is a chaſt Virgin, who gave himſelf for her, and hath eſpouſed her by redeeming Love, and they are no more two but one Spirit, the true Spouſe is in nothing contrary to her beloved Huſband, becauſe one and the ſame thing cannot be againſt itſelf. The unity of their Wills is one, and always conformable, delighting one with the other, a Voice of Joy, a Voice of Gladneſs, the Voice of the Bridegroom and the Voice of the Bride are one in Love. The true Spouſe always repoſes in the New Jeruſalem Light, ſits decked in the Sun.—Chriſt and his Flocks at noon are truly lovely, for where the Spirit is, he Operates all the ſhining Virtues of the heavenly World, Patience, Meekneſs and Humility, the Bridegroom has given to his Bride, the rich attire, and have adorned her head with Diadems, twelve Stars; Glory and Luſtre becoming the Grandeur of the kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt, a ſpiritual World about to come, the divine Nature continually operates, the twelve fruits for the healing of all Nations. The true Church, the Spouſe of Jeſus Chriſt, is altogether lovely. Would to God, Sir, that thou would earneſtly ſeek and find her. Query, Where will thou find her? Anſwer, In the Wilderneſs, go not into the Societies of the Cities to ſeek her there, their Watchmen will beat you, their learned Men, with the Wiſdom of the World, will mock at your ſimplicity: Beloved Sir, You muſt go to the Wilderneſs to find the Spouſe of Jeſus, for ſhe is there converſing, adoring and delighting with her Huſband, and when you find her,

will write them down as a teſtimony to Poſterity, for they are the precious Jewels of the heavenly World about to come, of which I have received a foretaſte; I only know in part, but that which teacheth me knoweth all, and revealeth to the earneſt ſeeking Soul preſſing into a ſpiritual Kingdom. The Lord hath ſhewn me part of all thy Queries, they hang all on a beautiful Chain, ſparkling like ſo many rich Diamonds. I can do nothing of myſelf, the Wiſdom and Power of God can do all things to his own praiſe, in us and by us through the aſſiſtance of his holy Spirit.

FIRST QUERY. *Where is the true Church now in the Days of Antichriſt?*

BELOVED FRIEND, Be not offended when I tell you that all the Stone Buildings in Chriſtendom, called Churches, is not Churches on God's account. When the Symbol of Glory, the divine preſence departed from the Temple of Jeruſalem, dedicated to the Moſt High God for Prayer, Praiſe and Thankſgiving, at laſt it became a Den of Thieves and Merchandize; that was an end of all Temples made with hands on God's account, as our Lord's Words to the Woman of Samaria beareth Record. John, in his Revelation points out all the qualities of the true Church, under the Figure of a Woman who ſits in the Sun, and has the Moon under her feet, and upon her head twelve Stars. This Woman is in the divine principle of the New Jeruſalem Church from above. She is firſt ſeated in the Sun, as the Spouſe of God, in ſplendid Royalty, and never turns aſide; her Eyes continually admire the Glory

Lamb confirm to no falſe Miniſtry, touch not with any corrupt Thing being Heaven born Souls, who is renewed in the Spirit, riſen with Chriſt, ſeeking the things that are above, all ſuch are the true Church, Temples for the living God to dwell in, ſuch are habitations of the Holy Spirit; there is no other true Church on God's account. All the great Stone Buildings in Chriſtendom, with their Multitudes, called Churches is Antichriſt.

The Firſt QUERY anſwered.

SECOND QUERY. *What makes a Chriſtian?*

ANSWER, A Chriſtian is a Child of God, born of God, the begetter and Seed ſower is God, who give his only begotten Son Jeſus Chriſt, the Seed of the Woman, the true Seed given to all Men to enlighten every Man that cometh into the World; for all Men hatn received the Manifeſtation of the Spirit, wherewith to profit with, all this is the Seed that the Father have ſown in all Fleſh; for the Lord hath poured out of his Spirit upon all Fleſh, all Men are without excuſe before God, for all are called to watch, for if they ſleep the Devil comes and ſows his Tares, and then the good Seed is cruſhed down and choaked. It is much to be lamented, almoſt all Men hath fallen aſleep, and the deceiver hath ſown his ſeed in them, and there is almoſt nothing to be ſeen but Tares growing in the hearts of Men, and they have given over looking for the good Seed, and have begun to dreſs the Tares, that is, to dreſs up the old Adam outwardly into all modes and forms of Godlineſs, according

you will be then in the preſence of the Bridegroom. John, in his Apocalyptic Viſion, by his prophetical Spirit, ſays, and the Woman fled into the Wilderneſs, where ſhe hath a place prepared of God, with the remnant of her Seed which keep the Commandments of God, and have the teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt. Mark Sir, She is fled from the face of the Dragon's followers, for they throw out floods of Lies, Invective, Reproaches, and they perſecute her Seed; I know it, for I have found her and holds Communion with the remnant of her Seed, whom God nouriſhes, and keeps us as the Apple of his Eye, having the teſtimony of Jeſus, the Spirit of Prophecy. Beloved Sir, I dearly love thee, for Chriſt's ſake, becauſe thou art now become a ſeeker; take heed to the Pearls, they are the Jewels of our heavenly Father's Kingdom, the Childrens' ſtrength, and comely Ornaments of the houſhold of Faith, a foretaſte of the ſpiritual World about to come. Ah, my dearly beloved, thou are as yet travelling for the Manchild, when formed in the and quickened by the Holy Spirit, the Lord will utter his Voice in thee, and thou, as his Trumpet, Proclaiming the Truths of Heaven will give a true and a certain Sound, then the World will take the alarm, and will hate you, King Herod ſought to kill Jeſus, the Prince of Peace; they hated me, ſaid he, they will hate you my followers alſo. Verily peradventure there may be found a ſingle Individual, two or three ſcattered, or as it were hid in a Wilderneſs who have fled the ſocieties of men, who are in the Evils of the World wondering after the Beaſt, with his mark in their forehead, and on the palms of their Hands, the followers of the

THIRD QUERY. *How doth the Saints make War in Righteouſneſs with the Dragon and his followers.*

ANSWER, The Saints of God are men who hath the Spirit of God in them, and they live in God, and are dead to themſelves, as the Apoſtle ſayeth; I live, yet not I, but Chriſt liveth in me. So Chriſt is the Angel of the new Covenant in his Saints, and he is their Light and their Life in a ſeven-fold manner, which is the ſeven powers of God, and this is called the ſeven Spirits of God, which is the ſame as the ſeven Angels ſpoke of in John's Revelation, for one man that hath the ſeven Seals opened in him, that is endued with the ſeven Spirits of God, that is, the fulneſs of God, for there is a ſeven-fold fulneſs in God to his Saints, who are faithful, and in this fulneſs one man can carry the ſeven Trumpets of God, or be God's ſeventh Trumpet, for the Spirit of God in his faithful followers is the Angel of God, who can pour forth the Vials of his Wrath upon all the workers of Iniquity; for the Spirit of God in his Saints maketh them Angels, God in them is the Angel, and they are the Trumpet that he ſpeaks through, and reproveth the World of their wickedneſs, and judges and condemns the wicked by his Saints, ſo each Saint being faithful in his meaſure can pour forth his Vial according as it pleaſeth God, who dwelleth in him, for God is true and faithful to his followers and gives them power over the Devil and all his falſe Trumpeters, the ſame as he gave Moſes

to the cuſtom of the ſect or party they are ſeduced to follow in falſity of principle, the World's tradition. Sir, you muſt look to Jeſus Chriſt, he is the true Chriſtian's pattern. When he, the Word or Light, put on a body or covering of Adam's outward and elemental body, viſible to the elemental eyes. Obſerve the combat that the Word or Light had in that body from the cradle to the grave. All the time that the Light or Word of God the Father of Lights abode in the Tent or Tabernacle was a time of ſorrows, wounded with grief. Behold him in the garden ſweating, bleeding; cried, ſuffer this Cup of Tribulation to paſs from me; but the Word ſaid not my Will. O Father, thy Will be done. Behold him on the Croſs, innocent and harmleſs, under the hands of his unrelenting enemies, cried Father forgive them, for they know not what they do. The true Chriſtian walks after the Will of God, ſanctified by the Spirit, ſeparated from the World. Sir, look for ſuch and find them; ſcarcely is one to be ſeen on this Earth? ſo hypocritical and transformed is the appearances in this laſt age. The Apoſtle ſaith, know ye not that ye are the Temples of God, if ſo be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you; ſo every man, in whom the Spirit of God reigneth, he walketh not after the fleſh, but after the Spirit, he is a new creature in Chriſt Jeſus, a true Chriſtian in Word and in Deed. We are Chriſt's, and Chriſt is God's, to his Praiſe, Amen.

The Second QUERY anſwered.

comprehended, and in each Saint that is come to the fulneſs of ſtature in Chriſt Jeſus; they know the great Voices of Heaven, for all the other voices of the Trumpets are perfected in the ſeventh; for the Voice of our Lord is that of the Archangel, the head Angel over all Thrones, whoſe centre utter forth the Trump—of God, and is the mover and ſhaker of all the other inferior Angels with their Trumpets, whoſe Trumpets muſt be as echoes to the Voices of God in him who blows the ſeventh Trumpet; yet this does not make void the ſounding of the ſeventh Trumpet in individuals, for all that are faithful will know it ſounded in themſelves by Jeſus Chriſt's ſeven-fold birth in them, for he is the Archangel that ſoundeth, the ſeventh Trumpet which raiſe the dead, and we who are alive ſhall be caught up together and be changed in the twinkling of an eye, and paſs into the body of Glory. Pray God, Sir, that thou may be amongſt the Angelical number.

Your Fourth QUERY anſwered.

BELOVED SIR,

THIS Poſt receive the anſwers to your Queries, and if thou remain in any one thing doubtful, let the clear Scripture Teſtimony of truth carry its own evidence to convincement. Write—me, and, if the Lord will, thou ſhalt have a ſolution. The Scriptures is a Repoſitary of holy and divine things, a rich Cabinet, full of ſpiritual Treaſures and bright Gems of heavenly Wiſdom, every where to be found when its inward Contents opens ſpiritually, for it is the Word of the Lord, and in all its Con-

over the Magicians of Egypt. Beloved Sir, think it not ſtrange when I tell you that this World is Egypt, and the houſe of Bondage, its natives is in great darkneſs, the Nations ſwarm with Magick Players, Satan transforming himſelf into many ſaint-like appearances. Sir, be not deceived, remember what the Lip of Wiſdom pronounced, and forwarned us, if it were poſſible they would deceive the Elect. The Lord is on his way to Judgment, and will bring Moſes, Elias, Sampſon, and David girded with the Sword of the Spirit, which is the power of God; for the Lamb hath armed his followers with truth and righteouſneſs, the clean white Linen, the purity of Saints, and as Champions in the Lamb's War go forth conquering and do conquer in the Light of the New Jeruſalem Church, the Sion of our God——Proclaiming the latter day Glory.

The Third QUERY anſwered.

FOURTH QUERY. *What is the ſeventh Trumpet ſounded by the ſeventh Angel, what are the Soundings, and what are the great Voices of Heaven?*

ANSWER, The ſeventh Trumpet, ſounded by the ſeventh Angel is a powerful and mighty ſounding, divine truths from Heaven cannot receive admittance in the World, neither can I write it, although I both ſee it and know it, in part; for I have received a foretaſte of it, it is the gift of God, it is every Saints private property; for it is a divine Joy flowing and overflowing in the centre of heavenly Nature, a divine Joy, that which cannot be expreſſed in words; but in each Saint it is known and

ſects have ariſen, generated out of the former three unclean ſpirits, for many ſpirits are now gone out into the World under the name of Reformers, Converters, Chriſt's Ambaſſadors, Miniſters of the Goſpel, called of God; this they ſay and ſwear to. Mark Sir, the Lie, each party and ſect, with a ſect Maſter hedging and incloſing his followers in, within the boundaries and pale of their own opinions, reſting on ſome old tradition, and each ſect calls themſelves the Church, there is none of them chuſes to be the Beaſt with his ſix hundred and ſixty-ſixth name of Blaſphemies; neither the Lamb with the two horns, who ſpeaks like a Dragon. Mark Sir, this is the ſure word of Prophecy, the events are appearing, the truth that was from the beginning and now is, and will be, makes it appear that the above great hoſt that is now in the Worlds evils, is not numbered with one hundred forty-four thouſand, who by their ſtrong faith of obedience, Salvation is the free gift of God to all yielding up their wills and enter the ſtrait Gate of Tribulation, into the Heaven of the redeemed; the Apocalyptic Beaſt, in all its black characters, the myſtery of Iniquity, the abomination of Deſolation in the Sanctuary doth now viſibly appear throughout all the Pulpits of Chriſtendom, the wiſdom of man working with Signs and lying Wonders. The bottomleſs Pit is opened, in the Smoke Locuſts aſcending, ſtrange Voices is heard in the land of diviſion, their magical ſoundings, contenſion, the ſpirit of Ignorance going forth in declamations, confirming falſities, fill the ears of wrangling Sectries, the womb of Iniquity opens daily with untimely Births, great and growing monſters, Gog and Magog a powerful Army, he

tents it is precious and profitable, it is the Goſpel of the kingdom preached unto all Nations, it is the ſure Word of Prophecy whereunto we do well to take heed. The knowledge of the true God is the foundation ſtone in the ſpiritual Building, it is the brighteſt pearl in the royal Diadem, and chief ornament of the heavenly Bride, the Lambs wife, without this true knowledge the Temple of God cannot be built, for it is the outflowing power, the divine nature, the lovely picture of God's pure Image, heavenly love—a fountain opened in the inner man, and where it is ſeen it is truly lovely. Mark, Sir, the three chief Religions, Popery, Prelacy, Preſbyterian, national Churches, have long deceived Chriſtendom with garments rolled in blood, contentions, wars, murdering one another with cruel deaths under the woes denounced, temporal and ſpiritual judgments is already begun, it is the night of the World, darkneſs has covered the Nation, and groſs darkneſs the People; for it is written in Revelations, out of the mouth of the Beaſt, and out of the mouth of the Dragon cometh three unclean ſpirits like Frogs, the ſpirits of Devils working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the Earth, and of the whole World gathering to the Battle, making war with the Saints. Mark, Sir, they do miracles, ſo did the Egyptian Magicians Pharaoh with his Egyptian hoſt, preſerved the Lord's Iſrael, and all periſhed in the Sea, they ſunk unto the bottom as ſtone, for the Lord is powerful, great and Almighty is our deliverer, for Antichriſt is deſtroying with the breath of the Lord's mouth, and the brightneſs of his coming in his Saints. Within the circle of two hundred years, numbers of

be ſeen walking under this Evangelical direction, ſuch I love to ſee, and ſuch I love to have communion with; the Lord and Heaven angelick Miniſterations is not looked for, known by few, a foretaſte of a glorious ſpiritual World about to come, a new creature in Chriſt Jeſus, who is renewed in the Spirit, whoſe life and practice ſpeaks the language of a heavenly World. O my dear heart ſeek to find ſuch, and if you can find none, ſeek earneſtly to become ſuch thyſelf;—it is high time, for it is the evening of the World. Your City—Durham is one of the ancient ſeats of the Beaſt, where much Blood have been ſhed, Treaſure waſted, Souls ruined, where there is no Viſion the People wonder and periſh, lamented by your Friend for Eternity, to reſt in the Lord on this Earth.

SUNDERLAND,
6th Month, 1787.

A PILGRIM.

LETTER V.

To A. S. I.—R. *On Prayer.—What is true Prayer.—And how we ought to Pray.*

BELOVED SIR,

YOU muſt become a Child before you can get into the Cradle of pure Innocency and be taught of God, who cannot be ſeen with the natural

that ſiteth upon the red Horſe taketh peace from the Earth, Wars, Maugre, and he that ſiteth upon the pale Horſe, whoſe name is Death, and Hell follows with him. Mark Sir, the number of the Army is two hundred thouſand thouſand, for their power is in their mouths, trumpeters of the black hoſts, falſe divinations, lies and logick it is the breath of the Serpent amongſt the Dragons followers, for it is the language of the kingdom of the Beaſt to which the Prophet alludeth, in them are the poiſon of Dragons, and beneath their tongues lays the venom of Aſps, they hatch a Cockatrice, and weave the Spider's web, and he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is cruſhed breaketh out into a Viper. Would to God Sir, thou never eat more of their deadly eggs; better ſit at the foot of Jeſus Chriſt's Croſs than on your high ſeat amongſt the Doctors. Read the above Strictures to the Doctors, Prebends of the College, ſound them in the ears of the Dean, conceal it not from the Biſhop, his Lordſhip ſo called, and let his Grace read them to his Brethren, Canterbury and York, for I am not without jealouſy, and it is certainly a truth, that they make a part of the great Army alluded to in the Apocalyptic viſion. Beloved Sir, take this as a friendly Momento amongſt the learned men of the World, yea and likewiſe the Sects called religious, there is almoſt a total darkneſs concerning the true God, the divine Order through all things; Scripture Revelation its ſpiritual and inward Contents lays hid and unknown, true love to God and all the truths as revealed from Heaven to obey in all things the commands of the Lord, the doctrine of the Croſs, ſcarcely are one to

Chriſt's ſpiritual Reign in his ſanctified and ſealed ones, with our Father's name on our Foreheads, with the Harps of God ſounding in us, making ſweet melody, ſinging the ſong of Moſes and the Lamb, the power of God in us that overcame Pharaoh, Iſrael's oppreſſor——Faſting and Prayer caſts out the Devil, continual Prayer keeps him out, thanks be to God for his Victory which overcome the World, the Devil and the Fleſh. All common Service, Book Prayers—Prayers ſpoke Extempore at times and ſeaſons by the will of the old Creature in the firſt Birth, Traditions of Men, knowing well what they are to ſpeak and pray about in Form, Petition, Confeſſion, Thankſgiving. Beloved Sir, in whatever garb ſuch appear in, it is only the Antichriſt decking himſelf with the words of holy Inſpiration, without power or heavenly Influx, the falſe Prophet borrowing Elijah's mantle for a covering. Being foretold that ſuch would come and deceive many, if poſſible the very Elect, it is written, where there is no Viſion the People periſh, the Viſion of the Lord is from on high, and it is with the meek and lowly, that wait for the coming of the Lord in Spirit and in Power. The Meſſenger of the new Covenant came ſuddenly to his Temple, but who may abide the day of his coming? Who ſhall ſtand when he appeareth? This power made Hannah pray in bitterneſs of ſoul, and wept ſore, ſhe ſpake in her heart only, her lips moved, but her voice was not heard, for the Lord will exalt the horn of his anointed. Daniel cried he had no ſtrength left in him. Iſaiah cried he was undone. Habakkuk's lips quivered, and his belly trembled,

mind; the true ſubſtance of the heavenly World muſt be ſought for and found, the holy Spirit in us crying Abba Father, the giver is the finder, as it is written, I was found of them that ſought me not, Adam fled from God, but the Lord cried, Adam where art thou. The love of God have apprehended me and ſought me out, and now I am with him who makes darkneſs his Pavilion, and holds me in the chambers of his love, and makes me willing in the day of his power to wait in ſilence, to lie as ſlain under the Altar, inward ſighings and groanings, true Prayer crying, how long Lord will it be till thou come forth and reveal thyſelf more and more abundantly, and change me into the age and ſtature of the angelical World. O Lord, my Saviour adorn thy Temple with the beauty of Holineſs, and make thy Houſe the habitation of Praiſe. Sir you aſk—What is true Prayer?—And how we ought to Pray?—Anſwer, True Prayer lays hid, a myſtery to the wiſdom of Men, it is the outflowing power of God in the inner man, without art or contrivance, times, forms or words at the will of the old Creature, who is always running before the true Guide. Alaſs! alaſs! Sir it grieves the holy Spirit, it will be well with us at all times to give heed to the ſure word of Prophecy, as it is written, none can call God Father but by the Holy Ghoſt, and whomſoever nameth the name of the Lord muſt depart from all Iniquity. The word of the Lord declares that we know not what we ſhould pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itſelf maketh interceſſion for us with groanings that cannot be uttered, an inward divine Life, the ſalvation of the Soul, the free gift of God. our Lord and Saviour Jeſus

LETTER VI.

To A. S. I.—R. What that new Heaven and new Earth is that John in his Revelation ſaw.—For the firſt Heaven and the firſt Earth paſſed away.—And their was no more Sea.

BELOVED SIR,

I Received yours, and I read it over and over again, the Milk and the Honey in the Goſpel Revelation is the food of the new Creation, it is a heavenly Myſtery, the Joy of the Soul, when Heaven is opened makes the Suckling cry Hoſannah, the Babe to utter Praiſes, when we are thus taken up in Spirit unto him who is our All, and All in All, the Lord from Heaven, by the Miniſtration of the holy Spirit, ſpeaking peace in us, the Voice of Love, ſaying, I am your Creator and Redeemer, the Alpha and the Omega, and we liſtening to the internal Spirit, and to ſpeak from it in the Morning Star, in the Sun of Righteouſneſs, the Life and Light of the heavenly World, which Life and Power is waited for and known in us how God is the Father of Spirits in the ſubſtance, where all Saints in Light appear, for we are now drawn up and aſſembled with the Souls of juſt men made perfect, rejoicing that our names is written in Heaven; the flowing and overflowing Joys of the Heaven-born Souls. Sir, you aſk what that new Heaven and new Earth is that John in his Revelation ſaw?—For the firſt Heaven and the firſt Earth paſſed away.—And there was no more Sea.——

rottenneſs entered his bones. John in the Iſle of Patmos, at the Revelation of Jeſus Chriſt was ſtruck as dead, for it was the day of the Lord in power; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. Beloved Sir, I know of no ſet times nor ſeaſons for Prayer, but to watch always, to praiſe without ceaſing, as the Spirit of the Lord gives utterance, rejoicing always in the power of the Lord, and for all things, and at all times, giving God thanks, redeeming me into all the privileges and liberties of the Sons of God, to bear the Image of the heavenly, for it is written, he that would ſave his Life muſt loſe it, the Croſs of Chriſt, the Reſurrection and Aſcenſion, the Revelation of a ſpiritual Kingdom is the grand principle and ſeed of the everlaſting Goſpel, as the ſeed of God is ſown in us, ſo ſhall we reap. Mark Sir, all the outward carnal profeſſions amongſt the divided Sectaries, their Life lies in the form, eſtabliſhing the old Adam in Will-worſhip, the traditions of men which is natural, in their different orders and forms paſs only through the ſhadow of the Croſs, with the conſcience lulled aſleep, the old man ſtill lives in his falſe reſt, ſleeping on his ſoft pillow, made to believe all is well, ſaying we are juſtified, and ſanctified; a ſimilar cry in others, we have all the means and ordinances, Abſolution from our ſins by the power of the Church. Good Lord deliver you, Sir, from this myſtery of Iniquity, and that your knee never more bow to Baal; and, as I now know no man after the Fleſh, but in the Light of Heaven, which is the unity of the Spirit, a bond of peace in your Souls friend and a lover of true Prayer.

Your Servant, in the Lord,

A PILGRIM.

not the end of the World, but the end of all public Worſhips in Spirit and in Truth ceaſed when Apoſtles and Martys, Witneſſes of Jeſus Chriſt, were ſlain in the Streets of the great City Sodom and Egypt; the Antichriſt, the Myſtery of Iniquity was then ſet up, and made merry, and wrought powerfully in all manner of deceiveableneſs in Signs and lying Wonders; the miniſtry of the holy Spirit was caſt down, which is alſo ſignified, Rev. Chap. ix. ver. 1. where a Star fell from Heaven to the Earth. The falling Star is the fall of the miniſtry of the holy Spirit ſent down from Heaven fell on the Earth the myſtery of Iniquity, the wiſdom and contrivance of Man. The man of Sin begun to work mightily in Sects and Nations, human arts and parts ſtudied Tongues, Interpretations, Commentaries became the Key of the bottomleſs Pit, when the myſteries of God in ſcripture Revelation were explained and opened by the wiſdom of men; inſtead of opening Heaven they opened Hell; as it is written, And a ſmoke came out of the bottnmleſs Pit, darkening the Sun and the Air. Spiritual and heavenly Illuminations is of ſmall account to all who ſhut Heaven againſt themſelves. Popes have reigned long and haughtily, with a Maſs-book. Prelates in pride; Lords Spiritual, with a Common Prayer-book; cunning Preſbyter, with a Book, a Directory for Worſhip, their Snares have come upon the whole Earth, their Sun ſet at Noon Day, their Works of Darkneſs is coming to an end, they wear out the Saints of the Moſt High, they do hurt to all men, but thoſe who have the Seal of God in their Forehead. Contentions, Tumults, Wars, Murders, Bloodſhead, Sects and Nations daſhing one

Sir, it is ſafeſt to wait in ſilence till the mighty one come forth and reveal himſelf in us, for I find the Lord Jeſus is as a golden Mine in our Fields under our own Earth, where my Lord's Talents lays, and muſt not be hid to ruſt and rot, they muſt be thrown out of the earthen Veſſel at the movings of the eternal Spirit, when we are made to liſten to it, the true Ambaſſages from the Court of Heaven is declared by the Spirit of God in man. The Lord God of Heaven and Earth have ſhewed unto me a part of the great and heavenly Miſteries, the Father's Jewels given to his Son, ſpiritual Secrets made known only to the ſimple in the Lord, the Babes of his own begetting through the quickening Spirit of the Word of Life in us, and ſo as the eternal Spirit moveth on the face of my waters, truſting in him who knoweth all things will give a ſatisfactory anſwer to your very deep and important Queſtions.

Sir, you want to know what the firſt Heaven and the firſt Earth was, John in his Revelation ſaw that paſſed away?—And there was no more Sea?—Anſwer, The Prophet Ezechiel told the Church of Iſrael in a mournful and predictive Language, ſaying, an end is come, it waiteth for thee, behold it is come, the end of the Temple Worſhip, or Law age, when our Lord and Saviour appeared from Heaven, the Head and Glory of the New Jeruſalem Church, who foretold his Diſciples, ſaying, immediately after the Tribulation of thoſe days ſhall the Sun be darkened, and the Moon ſhall not give her light, and the Stars ſhall fall from Heaven. The Apoſtle Peter told the primitive Church, the end of all things is at hand, ſaying, therefore be ſober and watch unto Prayer. Mark Sir, it was

ver. 9. Sir this is the Glory of the New Jeruſalem Church State; the great God, our Saviour, appearing in us to reign with his Saints on this Earth, the Government and Increaſe of Chriſt's Kingdom there ſhall be no end; for the Saints of the moſt High ſhall take the Kingdom and poſſeſs it for ever and ever. The Kingdom and the Dominion and the greatneſs of the Kingdom under the whole Heaven ſhall be given to the People of the Saints of the moſt High, whoſe Kingdom is an everlaſting Kingdom, and all Dominions ſhall ſerve and obey the Lord. His Dominion is an everlaſting Dominion, which ſhall not paſs away, and his Kingdom that which ſhall not be deſtroyed. Scripture Teſtimony, the ſure Word of Prophecy, bears record that a glorious New Jeruſalem Church State ſhall exiſt on this Earth, of which I have received a foretaſte, the flowing and overflowing Joy of your Soul's Friend to ſerve you with the Talents.— My Gift from the LORD.

LETTER VII.

A ſolemn Deſcription of the Principles, and the forty Days Faſting and Prayer held by the People called Buchanites, who believe they alive ſhall be changed and tranſlated into the Clouds to meet the LORD *in the Air at his coming, with the ſound of the laſt Trumpet.*

THIS Society may truly be called the wonder of the laſt age; a number of ſerious People, gathered from different Places of the Nations, and

another aſunder like the foaming Billows of a tempeſtuous Sea. Sir, the above mentioned Antichriſt is the falſe Church, their unclean Heaven and Earth John ſaw paſs away to be remembred no more, for it is written, thoſe that worſhip the Lord ſhall go forth and look upon the Carcaſes of the Men that have tranſgreſſed againſt him, for their Worm ſhall not die, neither ſhall their Fire be quenched, and they ſhall be an abhorring to all Fleſh, Iſaiah Chap. lxvii. ver. 24. Sir, you aſk, and wants to know, what that new Heaven and new Earth is that John in his Revelation ſaw coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her Huſband? it is only the Lord God of Heaven and Earth, that is the revealer of heavenly Myſteries, I can do nothing of myſelf, but as I hear I ſpeak, for that which teacheth me knoweth all. Sir we muſt be caught up in ſpirit, and Heaven opened in us, then will we behold this Glory coming down from God out of Heaven, for the Lamb is with us in Mount Sion, a City built by God in our Souls, and to be for ever with him, we are ſealed with the Seal of God who have redeemed us from amongſt men into the bond of Peace and everlaſting Sabbath, the wiſdom and power of God known in us by redeeming Love, having our Father's name on our Foreheads to Praiſe and Thankſgiving, learning the Song of Moſes and the Lamb, with the one hundred and forty-four thouſand going before, and are firſt Fruits into God, and Lo, a great multitude which no man could number of all Nations and Kindreds and People and Tongues ſtood before the Throne and before the Lamb, cloathed with white Robes, and Palms in their hands, Rev. Chap. vii.

ſant ſounds of God's Voice in Converſation; the Mouth the noble Gate of Praiſe. By thus eating was their Tranſgreſſion, by Sin came death on Adam, and on all his Generations. And this extraordinary Witneſs, raiſed up by the powers of Heaven in the laſt age, we believing in the power of God. according to Prophecy, Rev. Chap. xii. And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven, a woman cloathed with the Sun, having the Moon under her feet, and upon her head a Crown of twelve Stars, in pain to bring forth a Man Child, to ſet the Crown of Life upon his Head, and to as many as would believe the Revelation of eternal Life, dethroning that old ſceptered King, Death, that hath not reigned leſs nor five thouſand Years till this preſent Generation, this was the teſtimony ſhe bore of herſelf. We ſeperating from the World, its Laws, Cuſtoms, Covenants and Connexions, and joining the ſtandard of Life, waiting for the ſecond coming of Jeſus Chriſt, believing that we alive would be changed and tranſlated into the Clouds to meet the Lord in the Air, 2 Theſ. Chap. iv. ver. 17. In the year 1785, my firſt hearing of this People, their Principles and Practice was like Angels muſic to my Ears, and with great Joy in my own mind, travelled upwards of one hundred miles in a viſit, and tried with them three Nights and almoſt three Days; ſo ſolemn was the Converſation on the things of Eternity, the ſpiritual Birth of a new Creature, the glories of a new Creation, the heavenly Joys of a ſpiritual World. At this period the Lord had ſeperated me from all the numerous Sects and Parties of Lo here and Lo there, being acquainted with all

with one accord continued in ſolemn waiting, watching and prayer for the coming of the Lord Jeſus at the ſound of the laſt Trumpet, according to Paul's Prophecy, ſaying, We that are alive ſhall be caught up to meet the Lord, and be for ever with him. How ſolemn and ſerious, ponderous and weighty this heavenly exerciſe was on my mind; Day and Night waiting for ſo great events as the coming of Jeſus Chriſt in the Glory of his Father and his Angels, the Redemption of this old groaning Earth, in Bondage and in Pain to be delivered, with the Manifeſtation of the Sons of God. Under this ſolemn watching and continually looking up by Faith at things unſeen, renouncing the World the Devil, and the Fleſh, mortifying the Deeds of the Body, the power of God ſlaying the luſts, redeeming out of the Bondage of the earthly Nature; ſtrictly obſerving the Goſpels of Jeſus Chriſt, taking no thought for to-morrow, labouring not for the Bread that periſheth, neither plowing nor ſowing, buying nor ſelling to get gain, marrying nor giving in marriage to keep up the prolongation of this old ſinning World, living a life of innocency in perfect Love, as Angels do in Heaven. The evangellical-like Principles originated from Elizabeth Buchan, the Founder of the Society, declaring ſhe was ſent of God, according to Prophecy, Rev. Chap. xii. to prepare a ſpiritual Seed to meet the Lord, with an extraordinary Revelation, a warning to the laſt age. As Eve, the firſt Woman, ruined the firſt Man, Adam, by giving him food to eat. All things that God made was good and beautiful to be admired in their places, with the Eyes, the two Gates of admiration; the Ears to have heard the ſweet and plea-

On the 20th Day 2d Month, 1786, was kindly received into the Society of that People called Buchanites, continuing with one accord waiting the accompliſhment of all the glorious events that hang on the golden Chain of time. When the month of June was fully come the Society was gathered into a continual ſolemn watching in Prayers and Praiſing, ſo ſolemn to me, and ſo great was this ſpiritual Exerciſe, that I muſt teſtify to the Glory and Praiſe of God, who gives his Spirit to thoſe that aſk it, at this time I did taſte ſweetly of the heavenly Powers of the World to come. This ſolemn Work appeared to me to be carried on by the Founders of the Society with great fervency of Spirit, and ſimplicity of heart, to wit, Elizabeth Buchan, and Hugh White, the Leaders. When the time was fully come for the glorious Events we looked for, how ſolemn was the ſcene, during the whole Night, never by me to be forgotten, which I cannot relate on Paper. Love thinketh no Evil; I was like Mary with the meſſage of the Angel, pondered all theſe things in my own mind, believing that all ſhould go well with the righteous, and that the righteous ſhould hold on their Way, knowing the way of Holineſs, that the unclean ſhall not paſs over it, but ſhall be for thoſe the wayfaring Man, the innocent and the ſimple, although as fools to the World, ſhall not err therein. From this memorable Night the Faſt was carried on; how ſolemn to ſee in Figure Ezechiel's Viſion the dry Bones in the Valley, a People waging War with Death, how ſevere and ſharp was the Combat to be made perfect through ſufferings, enduring unto the end. By faith Enoch was tranſlated, that he ſhould not ſee

the Syſtems of Europe, knowing they were all equally nonſenſe, the Spirit of God only maketh wiſe for Eternity. People of property ſold their Houſes and Lands, freely giving up all for Chriſt's ſake. How beautiful is Sion upon her golden Baſes, true and righteous is our Lord, for I dearly loved the communion of Saints, and counted all the things of a periſhing World as Dung, that I might be found blameleſs at the coming of Jeſus Chriſt; that Day that ſhall come upon all the World as a Thief in the Night; that Day that ſhall burn as an Oven, and who ſhall be able to abide the Day of his coming? When he comes to put down all Rule and Authority in this World, and the works of Mens hands ſhall be burnt up. Beloved Readers, when the Eye is ſingle for the Glory of God, the Body is full of Love; how ſolemn under the power of the ſuffering Groſs, yet pleaſant and delightful. Day and Night the Operations of the holy Spirit wrought powerful in my Soul, I freely left all things of this World behind, Friends and Connexions, and ſpeedily repaired to the ſtandard of eternal Life ſurmounting every oppoſition, depending on the Lord alone, ſinging with holy boldneſs the antient Goſpel Sonnet, ſpoke by the Lip of Wiſdom. Mark Chap. x. ver. 29, 30.

1. If Parents, Brothers, Siſters, Friends,
My Wife and Children too;
Should they obſtruct my heavenly Race,
I'll bid them all adieu.

2. My Princely JESUS leads my Way,
GOD's Family I will own,
And to CHRIST's Standard I will go,
Eternal Life's my Crown.

At NEWCAMPLE, DUMFRIESE-SHIRE.

ſince our Society was gathered unto ſolemn Watching and Prayer and Praiſing. This heavenly Exerciſe was continued Day and Night; during this great Solemnity People flocked from all quarters gazing upon us, but they all wondering went their way. We have been often viſited by Dukes, Earls, Lords, the Judges of the Earth, they behaved to us with great civility, for we are Men now greatly wondered at, for great is the Lord in the midſt of us, preſerved in the midſt of our Enemies; it is forty Days ſince any of the Family taſted earthly Food, Waters excepted, with ſuch Life and Beauty, and ſweet Countenances, in the contentedneſs of Heaven the Society appears is truly beyond deſcription, to the aſtoniſhment of the Spectators. But let me obſerve, there was both Men and Women went out from amongſt us that was not able to enter the ſtrait Gate, for it is a time of trial, and a powerful Baptiſm of the Holy Ghoſt, with the purifying fire of Heaven, ſearching our Temples, as it is written, Jeruſalem is ſearched, as with lighted Candles, it is only he that endureth unto the End through Tribulation, in love for the Teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt that can be ſaved, waiting the Day of the Lord's coming. Faſting ſubdues the Body and cruſhes every Vice, reſiſting the Luſts of the Fleſh; true Prayer in Faith is pleaſing to God, the Spirit helping our Infirmities, with ſighs and groanings that cannot be uttered, it is the perpetual Pendulum of Heaven regulating our Reſignations, our dependances being on God alone, a continual Communion with Angels, who are miniſtring Spirits to the heirs of Salvation. To the Pure all things are Pure, when all things are done in Faith, by the operation

Death, becauſe he pleaſed God; by Faith Elijah was taken up; the Lord's Worthies, through Faith ſubdued Kingdoms, wrought Righteouſneſs, obtained Promiſes, ſtopped the mouth of Lions, walked through Fire and Waters, eſcaped the edge of the Sword; in this fiery trial, in the Furnace of ſufferings, by Faith the Lord give me Victory, it was my earneſt Prayer Day and Night in Faith without ceaſing. O Lord, whom have I in Heaven but thee, and on Earth there is none elſe that can preſerve me. When forty Days was fully come, I had not eat one morſel of Bread, and many others, the honeſt hearted was carried through the fiery trial, which would have thrown down all the carnal, profeſſing Generation into the bowels of the Earth. O the marvellous Power of God? ever to be praiſed, my weak hands that hung down was ſtrengthened, and my feeble knees made to walk uprightly. By Faith I believed in the Power of God; by ſenſe I now know the Moſt High ruleth in Heaven and on Earth. Alleuah. *The End of the ſolemn Feaſt.*

LETTER VIII.

To R. R. W. *Rejoicing in the Power of God on the Day of Trial, the Lord wrought Wonders for his ſpiritual Iſrael.*

BELOVED FRIEND,

I Received your Letter and read it with great delight to hear of your earneſt deſire to come to the Standard of eternal Life. It is almoſt ſix Weeks

Friend, wherever I am I now know a feeding in the ſweet Orchard of free Grace, being made a partaker of the divine Nature, baptized into Jeſus Chriſt, buried with him in Baptiſm, planted with him in the likeneſs of his Death, quickened with the holy Spirit, raiſed up by his Almighty Power into a newneſs of Life, our dear Lord, and head of a new Creation, the firſt begotten from the Dead, who aboliſhed Death, that we through believing in his Power have eternal Life, and through him become more than Conquerors, looking and longing for his glorious coming in the Revelation of Truth and Righteouſneſs, waiting in patience, having the nature of another World, becoming new Creatures in Chriſt Jeſus, who by the power of his Word will tranſlate us into a glorious Stature, and change us in the twinkling of an Eye, at the ſound of the laſt Trumpet, when he cometh in the Glory of his Father and his hoſts of Angels.

1. The Angels commiſſioned
For our ſweet Tranſlation,
At firſt ſhall be much undervail,
And ſo by Progreſſion
Their brightneſs unmaſk ſhall
As we through the Heavens do ſail.
2. The rearneſs and ſweetneſs
Of CHRIST and his Angels,
Us gradually change ſhall to Light;
Till we ſhall be totally
Changed into Bodies
Splendid with Beauty and Bright.

and leadings of the holy Spirit. When the forty Days of our ſolemn Faſting and Prayer was ended, there was ſet before us earthly Food that we might eat. It is recorded, that the Holy Jeſus, our Head and Patern, faſted forty Days in the Wilderneſs, and was tempted, and afterwards was an hungered and did eat. If I were to give you a deſcription of the frame of my Body during the Tribulation, the Lord was my Keeper, it would repreſent an amazing Wonder, and aſtoniſh the Reader, even the greateſt Critic on the deep ſcience of Anatomy, Alaſs! alaſs! it is rare to find any that knows the inner ground the deep proceſs of Regeneration experimentally, paſſing through a firſt Reſurrection, whom the ſecond Death have no power over Ezechiel's Viſion to the dry Bones came to my remembrance, how ſolemn was the ſight! how fierce and formidable was the Combat to rebel againſt Death; that hoary monſter, as a ſceptered King, has reigned not leſs than five thouſand Years till this preſent Generation, for I felt his ſhining Poniard pierce through my whole Body, the pains of Hell took hold of me, Death went from the crown of my head to the ſoles of my feet; thanks be to God whoſe power reigned in Triumph and gave Victory, and is now a wonder in the World, a Miracle of God's love and mercy, for the Path of the juſt ſhall ſhine more and more unto the perfect Day, for God's Works are all works of Wonder and Admiration, when by Faith the ſeed of God is ſown into the ſenſes of the Soul, then the inner groundwork is felt, and is ſenſibly known, taſting of the heavenly Powers of a ſpiritual World to come, which is the Food of the new Creature. Beloved

of the Wiſdom of God. The mind of Men when repleniſhed with the divinity of Heaven, it becomes a rich cabinet of Diadems; heavenly Wiſdom cometh from above, it is more precious than Rubies, the love of God is ſtronger than Death; love ſhines throughout all the heavenly Regions, brighter than Diamonds, it is the great Luminary of Heaven and Earth. He that is reſigned to God, without Guile, is not moved with any thing, but what concerns his Glory; then all our Gifts and Graces are like ſo many golden Bells ſounding God's Praiſes in the Holy of Holies, our Bodies becomes God's Temple, the habitation of the holy Spirit; one of the ſmalleſt Rays of Divine Light doth ſo enlighten the new Man, and cauſes ſuch a divine Joy in the centre of the Soul, it diſpels every earthly gloom, one glimpſe of the ſpiritual World will do more than a hundred years ſtudy of the human Sciences, when the divine Light appears you will then reckon all your Learning as Ignorance; and become as a little Child; newly born again, ceaſing from your own Wiſdom; for God reveals his Secrets only to Babes of his own begetting, and hides them from the great and wiſe Men of the Earth; the hid Treaſures muſt be ſought for, and are only found with the humble in Heart, who are only worthy to receive the Pearls, the Light which is now breaking forth, a view of the holy City, New Jeruſalem coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her Huſband it is the Day of my Eſpouſals, and gladneſs of Heart. Beloved Sir, if my Parents had poſſeſſed all the Treaſures of the Eaſt, and ſent me to all the Schools in Europe, could never have taught

Ah! My Friend loſt as to the view of the World, yet am I found in the Life of God, in that ſweet everjoyous Life that knoweth no Death, drawn by the power of God and ſealed with his Love into the Joys of a ſpiritual Kingdom, waiting for my Lord in all the watches of the Night, not to ſleep as do others, an expectant of the glorious Events, that all hang on the golden Chain of time, paſſing into Eternity, when time ſhall be no more, and on the end, the works of Men's hands ſhall be burnt up. Happy will they be that are found waiting with their Loins girded with Truth and Righteouſneſs, and their Lamps bright and ſhining, and that thou may be found waiting and in readineſs to meet thy dear Lord is the earneſt Prayer of thy Friend for Eternity, at the houſe of my Pilgrimage.

NEWCAMPBLE, DUMFRISE-SHIRE,
31ſt Day 7th Month, 1786.

LETTER IX.

To R. R. W. *God reveals his Secrets only to Babes of his own begetting, and hides them from the great and wiſe Men of the Earth.*

BELOVED SIR,

YOU will do well not to apply your mind ſo much to the ſtudy of the Sciences; I know your title ſtands high on the Word's account, Maſters of Arts, believe they are all vain in reſpect

dearly love thee for Chriſt's ſake; becauſe thou are a waiter for the coming of thy Lord. Love is the Song of the redeemed Company, it is the flowing and overflowing Joys of a ſpiritual World; the very God of Peace hath redeemed us, and ſanctified us through the ſpirit of Love, and have put a new Song of Praiſe in our mouths to ſing of our Beloved, a Vineyard of red Wine. The Lord is our Comforter, and keeper of the Vineyard, and waters it every moment, making us grow up as fruitful Trees in the Orchard of free Grace, preparing us for the Garden of Glory, for all the Powers of Heaven are on our ſide, for the Lord is true and faithful. When the Eye is ſingle, the whole Body Spiritually is full of heavenly Light. The Hoſts of Heaven encamps around us. Angels, the mighty Powers of God, are ſent forth to Miniſter to us, being made Heirs of Salvation, taſting ſweetly the Powers of the heavenly World to come, being made partakers of the divine Nature, the Covenant of God's Love ſtandeth ſure. Mount Sion, how beautiful upon her golden Baſes; Jeſus Chriſt the Head and Cope-ſtone of the new Creation, the Glory of the ſpiritual World, the Sun of Eternity that ſhine in us, and will ſhine eternally on us and around us, throughout endleſs duration. Comfort ye, comfort ye Daughter of Sion; we ſhall not die but live, and ſhall declare the marvellous doings of the Lord, by his mighty and powerful Arm. We have been as Brands plucked out of a darkened World; this great Light ſhining in the centre of our Souls, doth not make void the former loving kindneſs of the Lord, to be had in everlaſting Remembrance. As far as I can go on Paper, will give thee a hint of

me what the Lord have taught me, for he is my Teacher, a fulfilment of that Scripture Prophecy. Ye ſhall all be taught of the Lord, and I acknowledge my teaching is from the Lord only, as his own free Gift, and not from any Merit in ſelf, but to Glory only in the Lord, whoſe Power enables me to reſiſt Temptations, Falſes and Evils, to think, ſpeak, act by the Direction of the Lord, my true Teacher, whoſe Power have turned my back to this World's ſelf-love, honours, pleaſures ſurrounded with Evils; my Face Heaven-ward, travelling out of Time into Eternity, in the Joys of a glorious ſpiritual World about to come. Beloved Sir, lay aſide every thing that may hinder to the princely and dearly beloved Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt. Thou muſt really become a little Child, although you be aged, you had need to make the more haſte before Time and Life fail you.

LETTER X.

To R. B. *Who have taſted of the heavenly Powers of the World to come. A ſolemn deſcription how the Lord appeared unto me, as he did unto the Fathers, in Dreams, Viſions, Voices, by the Miniſtration of Angels, a foretaſte of the Joys of the heavenly World about to come.*

VERY DEARLY BELOVED,

I Have ſet me down under the ſweet Influences of the Powers of Heaven, ſaluting the Seed, truly Heavenly and Spiritual is that which liveth. I

whither in the Body or out of the Body, could not tell; I was carried up, as it were to the third Heaven. The heavenly Joy I felt unutterable; this divine Extaſy left a hundred fold Impreſſion upon my mind, I was made willing to endure all things for Chriſt's ſake; who loved me, for his mighty Power upheld me in this Day of Trial, and great ſearching of Heart. Daniel turned his Face to the Eaſt, and prayed ſeven times a Day; ſuch a flame of heavenly Love was kindled in the centre of my Soul, praying, praiſing and adoring my Redeemer; yea, my mind flowed and overflowed ſeventy and ſeven times in a Day, Day and Night I would never have been off my bended knees, in humble Proſtration. O this bleſſed Day of Heart-melting Love. The God of my Youth ſought and found the loſt Sheep; to the Moſt High be Praiſe for ever and ever. I was then a Youth about twenty. I left all youthful Recreations, in ſolemn retirement prayed and ſat me down in ſolitary places; Nights wandering in Grave-yards amongſt the Tombs, viſiting the Charnel-houſes of the Dead; ſo ſolemn was my mein, a recluſe from the World of pleaſures, as a Pilgrim travelling in a ſtrange Land; all this reſignation was to entertain Communion with God. I was brought up in the Church of Scotland, at that early Period I left my Father's Pew, the Tradition of my Pariſh Prieſt and Kindred, and was reſolved to find out a People that feared the Lord and ſpoke often one to another of the heavenly Powers of the World to come, in the Spirit of Love. The Aſſemblies of the Godly are precious, for I dearly loved the Communion of Saints, for I was under a great concern about my Salvation, and

the Lord's gracious dealings with me from the Days of my Youth; for great have been his Love, who hath appeared unto me as he did unto the Fathers, in Dreams, Viſions, Revelations, Voices, by heavenly Meſſengers, eſpouſing me into the heavenly World. Oh! how aſtoniſhing and matchleſs is this Love. As ſoon as I was capable of thinking, I felt ſtrong impreſſions of heavenly Things, and they abode upon my Mind. The Love of God is the beginning of Wiſdom, and ceaſing from Sin brings Underſtanding. The firſt remarkable Occurrence was a Dream, concerning the ſolemn Day of Judgment. As I was ſtanding upon a certain Place of the Earth, and with my Eyes lifted up, ſaw all the Eaſtern Elements in flaming Fire, rolling like Mountains about me, roaring, craſhing and thundering. I was then ſeized with great horrors and amazement at ſuch an awful and tremendous Sight, I thought the Fire ſtruck me down and I lay proſtrate upon the Earth retaining all my ſenſes, praying earneſtly unto the Lord to ſpare my Life; I awoke in great fears, rejoicing when I found it was a Dream. It left a tenfold Impreſſion upon my mind; I was humbled and bowed down before the Lord, weeping in tears of heavenly Joy. In this ſweet Heart-melting frame, I was ſo refreſhed, and the Spirit of Truth abode upon me, for great was my concern about the things of Eternity, beyond expreſſion.—The ſecond remarkable Occurrence. One Day on a certain place hearing a Miniſter preaching in the Field, concerning the Day of Judgment being near at hand, I was ſtruck with ſerious Wonder and ſolemn Admiration; and, to uſe the Words of a great Miniſter,

ing, his Glory appeared with the Spirit of Prophecy. —The third remarkable Occurrence in the Year 1777, about the middle of the Month called May. One Morning early as I walked in the Fields, under a ſerious train of thinking, when the Lord viſited me with a heavenly Meſſenger, that audibly ſpoke through the centre of my Soul; how ſolemn and awful, ſweet and pleaſingly felt the ſmall ſtill Voice, as a Man ſpeaketh to Man face to face, ſaying, I will prepare thee my witneſs to the Nations, and my face was turned round unto the four Winds of the Earth; joy and weeping Tears flowed in ſtreams of heavenly Love, melting me down in great humility, the States of Nations and People came before me, being drawn into the Nature of another World, forgot what I was doing in this ſeven Days and ſeven Nights, in this ſweet Viſion praiſing and adoring the Moſt High God, knowing I was under the Authority of the Holy Spirit, rejoicing in the Light of this bleſſed and happy Viſitation, and to this preſent Day have been eſtabliſhed upon the Rock of Ages, firmly believing in the power of God; the ſeed of Faith growing more and more, witneſſing my Body to be a habitation for the holy Spirit, with the true Anointing, a Temple for the Holy Ghoſt to dwell in; for God's Love had apprehended me, his truth and faithfulneſs was continually before me, my mind was drawn by the power of the Lord to go amongſt that People called Quakers, to bear my Teſtimony of the true ſpiritual Baptiſm of Regeneration, for I had then taſted ſweetly of the heavenly Powers of the World to come, and the Lord gave me a Mouth and Wiſdom to magnify his great

ſtood like one amazed in the midſt of the divided Sects, and beheld ſuch a hurricane of ſpiritual Madneſs, ſo many cries, Lo here, and Lo there; all in the Night of Confuſion. At that time I went amongſt a People in Scotland, known by the name of Cameronians; we maintained an active Teſtimony, a Goſpel Magiſtracy and Miniſtry. I ſoon learned that Jeſus Chriſt's Kingdom was not of this World, and that all the Governments of Men's framing were ſinful and folly. After five Years with them I retired to a private Room, and kept the Sabbath in Faſting and Prayer. After the end of ſifteen Years in that ſolemn retirement, I was made to grow up in the knowledge of the Lord. Falling in with ſome Bocks wrote by that People called Quakers; laſt Century, they witneſſed a powerful Baptiſm of Regeneration, under the power of the ſuffering Croſs of Jeſus Chriſt; often in Priſons, Hungers, Colds, Nakedneſs, Buffettings, Deaths, Martyrs of Jeſus Chriſt; at Boſton, New England, witneſſing in the Face of the Nations that the Lord had poured out of his Spirit upon all Fleſh; Jeſus Chriſt the Light of the World, according to the Promiſe, ſent the Comforter to reprove the World of Sin, of Righteouſneſs, and of Judgment; the Law of God being wrote on the Table of the Heart accuſing or excuſing, every Man accountable for his Talents, receiving the Manifeſtation of the Spirit wherewith to profit withal. Wiſdom have uttered her Voice, proclaiming Salvation the free gift of God unto all the ends of the Earth. I rejoiced in hearing of ſuch a People, they being dead yet ſpeaketh in living Teſtimonies. The fine Gold of Sion, how beautiful! The Lord was with his People, in the Morn-

drew me out of Sodom, Sunderland, then the place of my Habitation; the Lord made me willing to give up all, and leave all things behind me, and to go forth and join this ſolemn Convention. For the burden of the Lord was upon me Day and Night till I went forth, where I firſt ſaw thee, my dearly beloved Siſter, and had unity with thee in the holy bond of Love, truly Spiritual. Obedience is better than Sacrifice. Thou appeared to me very comely, walking in the Precepts of thy dear Lord, Jeſus Chriſt, Loving and Praiſing the precept Giver, leaving thy Houſes and Lands, giving up thy all for Chriſt's ſake. The power and preſence of the Lord was with us, for we loved the Teſtimony of Jeſus, which is the Spirit of Prophecy. The Myſteries of a glorious ſpiritual Kingdom was opened in the centre of our Souls, our Eyes beheld aſtoniſhing Wonders, for the Lord called us to ſtand ſtill and ſee his Salvation; for thoſe that believe make not haſte; taſting ſweetly of the heavenly powers of the World to come; for the power and preſence of the Lord was with us during that memorable period, the forty Days of our ſolemn Faſting and Prayer. How ſolemn was it to ſee a Reſurrection above ground, paſſing from Death, that Enemy of God's Creation; Sin and Death is the Devil's Executioners with his hoarſe roaring Trumpet, Anguiſh and Deſpair, with all his Auxiliaries of War; the ſhivering of his ſable Spear, through the Almighty Power of God, we ſurmounted in Victory; an aſtoniſhing Wonder. The Lord was on our ſide, and made us more than Conquerors, and will ſtand as a laſting memorial

Name, and to praiſe redeeming Love with the Spirit of Prophecy; the burden of the Lord was upon me to ſpeak and write concerning the Government of the Lamb, the Glory of the latter Day, and to deſcry the kingdom of the Beaſt, the great and growing Evils that now viſibly appear all the World over, as may be ſeen in the Hieroglyphic, a Glaſs to all Nations, and every Individual may read the laſt Judgments and fall of Babylon. I found the Miniſtry was a great and ſolemn Work, to be cloathed with the ſanctified Garments of the inner Man, and to tread the ſacred Courts of the Lord's Temple, and to enter into the Prieſt's Chamber to meet the Lord in the Holy of Holies, the innermoſt centre of the Soul, the holy Spot prepared for the heavenly Oracle, God uttering his Voice from his Temple, as Thunder from Sinai, good News with glad Tidings of great Joy, Peace to all the afflicted in Sion, the free Miniſtration of the holy Spirit, free of the Blood of all Men.

In the Year 1785, hearing that an extraordinary People had appeared in the Weſt of Scotland, called by the Name of Buchanites, who were gathered into ſolemn waiting for the coming of Jeſus Chriſt, ſeperated from the World, its Cares, Cuſtoms, Laws, Covenants and Connexions, neither Ploughing nor Sowing, nor Labouring for that which periſheth; Marrying nor giving in Marriage, to end the Reign of Fleſh and Blood, preparing a heavenly Seed for a ſpiritual World, to inhabit the Kingdom of Glory, according to divine Prophecy, Rev. Chap. xii. and I ſaw a great Wonder in Heaven, the ſound of ſuch Tidings was like Angels Muſic to my Ears, and the Lord, by his powerful Arm,

lands wear out our unity when arked in the Rock of Ages? Nay, nay, the deeper we dive in the Ocean of God and Chriſt's Love, it is without brim or bottom, length or breath. How have I rejoiced to ſee thou ſtand upon the Mount of Sion ſealed with the one hundred and forty-four thouſand in the unity of the one Family. Thy mouth as a well-tuned Harp, ſinging Praiſes to the moſt High, in ſongs of Victory, thy ſweet heavenly Aſpirations, and loud Echoes of heavenly Joys, all in that power which have made thee ſtrong, like Sampſon, with thy Jaw-bone, I have ſeen the mighty in the Lamb's War, ſlaying thy Lord's Enemies, heaps upon heaps; for he hath been with thee in ſix Troubles, yea in ſeven hath the Lord delivered thee from the teeth of the terrible; like Iſrael of old, who ſmote an Adverſary: I have heard thy words, like Nails, ſtrongly faſtening in the Jaw-bones, paining and wounding the Serpent's ſeed. Shall not the mighty Acts of God's Love and Power be recorded? Ye, ye, as Miracles amongſt his ſpiritual Iſrael. For the Word of the Lord is like David's Sword and Jonathan's Bow, never returns empty. My dear Heart, hold faſt that which thou have already received; that we may be continually upon our watch, looking by faith at things unſeen, haſtening the coming, the Day of our Lord. For I now know my calling is of God, who hath choſen me, and raiſed me up, preparing me to be his witneſs in the face of the Nations. A wonder in the World, a Miracle of God's Love and Mercy; and to ſound the Goſpel Trumpet, Eternal Life, Salvation the free Gift of God to all Men; for the Lord hath put his heavenly Treaſure into the Earthen Veſſel, and

through Time, Times, Eternity, Eternities. In all theſe things we give up ourſelves a living Sacrifice unto the Lord, and, to ſtir up thy pure Gift, I do put thee in remembrance. When nine Weeks was fully come, I had then eat very little of earthly Food. This thou was an eye-witneſs to; indeed a ſingular circumſtance amongſt the whole Family. That Power that kept me without the Gate of Adam's fall ſo long as forty Days, can keep me by his Power forty Years, yea forty thouſand Years, for one Day with the Lord is as a thouſand Years, and a thouſand Years as one Day. We now know a depending on a loving, Life-giving God, and to feed on the incorruptable Word, the Bread of Life that cometh down from Heaven, the ſweet operations of the holy Spirit, for we now know a Being baptized into Jeſus Chriſt our Spiritual Head, buried with him in Baptiſm, planted with him in the likeneſs of his Death, quickened by the holy Spirit, he liveth and we live alſo; whether we eat or drink, to ſhew forth his Death and the Power of his Reſurrection till he come again in his Glory. Comfort ye, comfort ye Daughter of Sion, rejoice O ye ſpiritual Seed in the Rock of Ages, for all ſhall go well with the Righteous. Can we forget the Day of our Eſpouſals into the ſpiritual World? When walking on our Pilgrimage, when the Truth burned in our hearts, the Spirit like a Refiner's fire, ſearching our Temples as with lighted Candles. The Days of Tribulation, when holding faſt our Crowns, the fine Gold of Sion, the Eye-ſalve, the precious Light of God's redeeming Love wrote on the Tables of our Hearts. Ah! my dearly beloved, ſhall length of time, days or years, diſtance over ſeas or

and as a teſtimony to Poſterity of God's marvellous love, never to be forgotten; for I am now advanced in Years to a great Age, the Glaſs of Time is well nigh run, and near its Tranſit, Enoch's Life ſhall be taken up unto the Lord who gave it. I have no certain dwelling place here on Earth, ſometimes here and ſometimes there, with a Friend to the view of the World have become a Fool, and is loſt, but found in the ſight of God. It is no leſs now than forty Years ſince I firſt ſought after the knowledge of the true God with great earneſtneſs, travelling through many tribulating Paths and narrow Ways, with Sighs, Conflicts, Cries, Weeping, Tears and Supplications to God my Saviour, who apprehended me in his Love, who have kept me as the Apple of his Eye throughout my ſpiritual Journey. I have ſeen many whitened Beacons ſet up as Way-marks in Babylon, with this Inſcription upon them all, Lo here is Chriſt, or, Lo there is Chriſt, with ſuch transforming appearances as was foretold by the Lip of Wiſdom, if it were poſſible, would deceive the Elect; the Lord have brought me out of all their diſguiſed forms, and delivered me from the Errors of the Wicked, as a ſpiritual Traveller, to go forward like a new-born Babe never reſts till it meets with the Breaſts of Conſolation deſigned for the ſupport of its Life, through the great Mercy of of God, never have loſt ſight of the Morning Star that have led to the Lord's appearance, and knows Chriſt's coming to a Temple, not made with hands, to reſt in the Lord's Sabbath.

provided me Bags that never will wax old; and have ſet my face as a flint, againſt all the powers of the kingdom of darkneſs, a deceived World, and to ſpeak a word to the weary with the Tongue of the learned, under the power of the ſuffering Croſs of Chriſt. How ſolemn are the thoughts of all the preceding Events that now hang on the golden Chain of Time, the coming down of the glorious Hoſts of Heaven. the Redemption of the Earth that groaneth and travelleth in pain to be delivered with the Manifeſtation of the Sons of God; and we who are alive ſhall not prevent thoſe that are aſleep at our dear Lord's coming in the Glory of his Father and his Angels; the very God of Peace will be with us, his Love hath apprehended us, and his Power have ſeperated us from the Evils of the World, and ſanctified us through the Spirit of his dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, who will preſent us perfect, pure and blameleſs at his coming to his Father on the Morning of Eternity. We then ſhall eternally reſt in the endleſs Sabbath of Glory. This Voice is from above thou know it, and loves it, and lives in it, and is in the ſweet unity with it, which is a cauſe of unexpreſſible Joy to the Life and Nature of Heaven in my Soul, united with the whole Family of Heaven, and with all the ſpiritual Seed upon the face of the Earth, and reſts thy Friend in Tribulation, wrote on the Lord's Day by

A PILGRIM.

EDINBURGH,
10th Month, 1786.

P. S. Beloved, the above is a true Narrative of the inward Work, the power of God in my Soul,

10 God's ſpiritual Armour did me ſave,
From gloomy Manſion of a Grave.

11 In God's great Love I did rejoice,
Surrounded with angelic Hoſts.

12 Head to foot, who can deſcribe,
The beauty of King Jeſus' Bride.

13 God's Temple it is wiſely made,
That noble Structure of the head.

14 The Eyes two Gates for to behold,
God's Works of Creation manifold.

15 The Ears two Gates God's Wiſdom hear,
Sweet ſoundings in the Atmoſphere.

16 The ſmelling Gates ſo gently breathe,
The Lips the noble Gates to Praiſe.

17 Teeth the Milſtones how they ſound,
When Food within the Mouth is found.

18 All the Frame is beautiful,
When holy Inſpiration fills.

19 The inner Man is power Divine,
God's Spirit in my Temple ſhines.

20 The Morning Star is now ariſen,
A Son of Oil my mind's in Heaven.

LETTER XI.

A Memorial to T. R. B. *on the memorable Forty Days Faſting, Watching and Prayer, held by the People called Buchanites, in the Year* 1786.

1 FORTY Days I eat no Bread,
By heavenly Influx I was fed.

2 To New Jeruſalem I was bound,
I long'd to hear th' laſt Trumpet ſound.

3 Tranſlation Glory for to ſee,
With all the heavenly Hoſts to be.

4 Temptations came in trying hours,
The Lord upheld me by his Power.

5 Yawning hungers, baleful fears,
With its black Legions did appear.

6 I did believe no death would be,
And this great Wonder I did ſee.

7 To God my Saviour I did Pray,
He did preſerve me on that Day.

8 That I to Mankind may reveal,
Things ſeen in Heaven and in Hell.

9 God's Power reigned in my Soul,
To Nations Wonders now ſhall tell.

DEARLY BELOVEDS,

Receive this Memorial, your being Eye-witneſſes of the marvellous Love of God, the Days of Wonders, never to be forgotten by us, and to ſtir up the pure Gift of God in you all; hold faſt that which thou haſt received, that no Man take thy Crown, Remains your Souls Friend, and to ſerve you all, and at all Times in the Lord.

SUNDERLAND,
12th Day 3d Month, 1788.

LETTER XII.

A ſolemn Declaration how all Things were made, and ſprung out of Eternity into Time. How all Things have wrought in Time, and how all Things is going out of Time into Eternity. The Myſtery of God, declaring,

THE one true God, the great Jehovah, was before Spaces and Times had Birth; and exiſted in Himſelf, and by the Word of his Power, in the formation of all things at firſt God created Bodies poſſeſt of different Glories; before the fall Adam was filled with the breath of the living God, and he being thus filled with all heavenly Life-powers in which the great Jehovah dwelt in pure Light, and in perfect Love, in his Wiſdom were all things made. God created all Men in the creating of Adam, who was choſen of God for

21 In Sun-light Glory now I ſit,
Benighted Sectaries all aſleep.

22 In Goſpel order none are found,
And will that know when Trumpet ſounds.

23 Truth like Stars do blaze and ſhine,
My Gift's from God, no Merit's mine.

24 It is the coming of my Lord,
For Scripture Language bears record,

25 Like Light'ning from the Eaſt to Weſt,
Is Chriſt's coming in his Saints.

26 To reign with them upon the Earth,
His Kingdom's come, it's my new Birth.

27 No more, Lo here and Lo there,
God with me dwells, I richly fare.

28 No more Will-worſhips with the ſects,
For they in Babylon all do reſt.

29 No more Sect Syſtems, all invented,
With the Beaſt's mark all are painted.

30 No more Men or Womens' Fables,
God's Spirit teach my Holy Bible.

31 O, bleſſed God, who have made known,
The ſeventh Trumpet now is blown.

32 I have heard the joyful ſound,
And in God's Sabbath now is found.

the inner World, proclaiming Glory to God in Heaven, and on Earth Peace and good Will towards Men, the visible Trophies of matchless Love, an ensign to the Nations, Jehovah manifested in the Flesh, whose Name is Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and Saviour Almighty, the Advent of the Lord, checking the over-grown Powers of Darkness, bringing the Hells into Subjection, to abolish Death, opening a nearer and clearer Communication with the heavenly angelic Powers, preparing a Way for a new and spiritual Church, keeping Heaven continually open for us, and all are called to enter in, as it is written, as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name; the just and holy one, our Lord with his Mission from Heaven, proclaiming eternal Life to all Mankind, the great Luminary and Lamp of Heaven shone visibly in this lower World, till by the hands of cruel Murderers, was put out on the Cross yielded up in Love, through a victorious Resurrection of the blessed Spirit of his own Light, Love, Peace and Righteousness, testifyeth the great purpose of his coming down on Earth, and ascending up again on high, was to lead Captivity Captive, and to receive Gifts for Men; yea even for the rebellious People, that the Lord God might dwell amongst them, who said to his Disciples, I will send unto you the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, I and the Father are one, he shall testify of me, and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning, here was the twelve Lights prepared of Heaven at Jerusalem, waiting with one accord in the heavenly Solemnity, till endued with

Salvation, with all his Poſterity; he being filled with all heavenly Life-powers which was in us from the beginning; by his Almighty Power were we created, for it was the Word of the Lord in us. Thus was Man a ſtrong Emanation of God, made a living Soul in the beautiful Paradiſe. But alaſs, alaſs! Adam ſlept the long ſleep of diſobedience, until now in the Evening of the World, the Serpent's voice was heard and have long been believed, its poiſonous breath defuſed its Legions firſt in us the leſſer World, and afterwards through the great whole World, to fight againſt, and oppoſe God, ſoon was the Earth corrupted. Abel, Enoch, Noah loved God, was taken up and preſerved in the Ark, the Antideluvian generation for diſobedience periſhed, Sin and Death grew to a great height in Men, the good Seed that was firſt ſown, eternal Life, was almoſt totally choaked by the Evil, yet remaining a very little ſpark; the old Serpent, our cruel Enemy, in the leſſer and greater World, diabolical influences ſoon appeared, Cain, Nimrod, Pharaoh, Gog, and Magog, Antigods, Lucifer's working corrupting the whole Earth, the Counſel of the Lord in his Prophets ſet at nought. The Meſſiah, the Prince of Peace appeared, the antient of Days, the King, the Child is born in Bethlehem Ephrates, out of Judah comes the Ruler, a Prophet in Nazareth, appointed after the Order of Malchiſedech, in the unchangeable Laws of Heaven, the Firſt and the Laſt without beginning, in endleſs duration, the Star appears, the wiſe Men of the Eaſt, came forth with the Gifts of Heaven in ſolemn Praiſes, angelic Songs uſhered in a Day of Glory, the deſire of all Nations came ſounding from

War and Bloodſhed, Murders, meager Deaths. And he that ſitteth upon the pale Horſe, whoſe name is Death; Death and Hell follow with him, which ſignifieth Damnation, the Apocalyptic woes anounced, woe, woe, woe unto the inhabiters of the Earth and of the Sea, for the Devil is in great wrath, for his time is but ſhort; Old Adam is ſleeping, for it is the Evening of the World, and Eve is prattling with the Voice of the Serpent, the Generation is deceived with antichriſtian Sopheſtry, and all tamely paſs and repaſs through the gate of Hypocriſy, the Cup of Tranſgreſſions is filled up, and then cometh the end, when the Earth will be made empty and waſte, turned upſide down, for he that ſineth ſhall die; as it is with the People, ſo with the Prieſt; Judgments have already begun, the wicked grew worſe and worſe, for the Earth is corrupted, and it is a time of trouble, ſuch a time as never was ſince there was a Nation, a Soul ruining time, with Satan's Mimickry, for it is the latter time of his Kingdom, with his ſubtil Appearances, a fierce Countenance, Antichriſt, with his dark Sentences, ſtands up through his Policy cauſes Craft to proſper in his hand, with his transforming Power, for his kingdom is the Seat of the Beaſt, and his mark do blacken all Men who receive it; great and numerous is his Army, it ſhall be broke, as in a Nights Dream. O World, the blind lead the blind, be wiſe before it be too late, Heavens Gate ſtands continually open, the mercy and love of God; Jeſus our Lord invites all to enter in; trim your Lamps the Bridegroom is ready. The ſeventh Angel from the throne of Heaven ſoundeth the Myſteries, the kingdom of God haſteneth their accompliſhment,

the Spirit of the New Jeruſalem Church from on high Penticoſt, a memorable Day, the Holy Ghoſt was ſent, the Glory of the inner World opened, the great myſteries of a heavenly World about to come was made known, proclaiming Jeſus Chriſt, the faithful Witneſs, and the firſt begotten of the Dead, the firſt new Creature, and head of a new Creation, who have aboliſhed Death. Ambaſſadors with their meſſages from the Court of Heaven, publiſhers of the everlaſting Goſpel, proclaiming Peace to all Nations, Salvation to all Fleſh, the Dragon's power killed the witneſſes, the man of Sin, the Antichriſt, whoſe coming in Time is in the workings of Satan in Signs and lying Wonders, and in all manner of deceiveableneſs for he now glorieth and ſayeth in his wicked Inhabitants who reign with him in both Worlds, who is able to make War with the Beaſt? The Devil hath gained a great power over Men, and all Nations are corrupted, a bottomleſs Pit is opened, and with its ſmoke all Men is in a Stupor and blackened, but thoſe that are ſealed with the Seal of God; for the Locuſts have aſcended and with their Serpentine Breath in falſity of principle the many corrupted Languages of Babel have poiſoned the whole Earth; the Number of the Army is two hundred thouſand thouſand, and they have a King over them, the Angel of the bottomleſs Pit; but behold their woes cometh quickly, for they make War with the Saints, and prevail againſt them, and wear out the Saints of the Moſt High; but who layeth this matter to heart, and cometh to the help of the Lord againſt the Mighty, the powers of darkneſs coming to an end; for he that is ſitting upon the red Horſe take Peace from the Earth;

LETTER XIII.

A beautiful Crown of Life, preſented to all Mankind. A rich Medicine from the Store-houſe of divine Revelation.—How the Life of God in the Soul of Man can never die, but live through Time and Times, Eternity and Eternities. The eternal Wonder.

THAT Adam was created a ſtrong Emanation of heavenly Love, by God made a living Soul, and upon his Head a beautiful Crown of Life, a State of Innocency. His long ſleep and diſobedience cauſed the Expulſion of Adam and his Eve from the Garden of Eden and Glory of the inner World. As it is written, The Lord God drove out the Man, and he placed at the Eaſt of the Garden of Eden Cherubims and a flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the way of the Tree of Life; for the Lord God was good, and the Seed, the eternal Word was with God, and reſteth in his Love. Abel's offering pleaſed the Lord, that there was a Church then on Earth. Enoch was highly favoured of the Lord, and lived a divine Life, a Temple of the living God, filled with divine Illuminations, a glorious diſplay of the ancient and early Love of God, rejoicing in the habitable parts of this Earth, his delights were with the Sons of Men, opening a nearer and nearer Communication to Heaven, with his Church on Earth. In the fulneſs of Time the Lord appeared to the Fathers by Dreams, Viſions, by Voices, by Signs and Wonders, and by the Miſſion of Angels, miniſtring Spi-

then time ſhall be no more. God hath declared, he hath no pleaſure in the Death of him that dieth, but he that repenteth and believeth ſhall live. Of Sinners, whom I am chief, the love of God apprehended me in humble Contrition of Soul, full of bitterneſs, in whom Chriſt have been anew conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, through the Word of Life, tranſplanting me again into the Paradiſiacal State, ſeeking the things that are above with Chriſt our Lord, the head of the new Creation, who opens again the four ſtreams of Life in us: The firſt is the ſtrong Voice of the living Word of the Lord, which muſt flow from God into us, as his own free Gift, which is a Day of gladneſs. The ſecond Stream is the Snow-white purity of God's eternal Love, the ſweet Waters of Life repleniſhing the Soul by the Operation of the holy Spirit. The third Stream is the overflowing Love of God, continually pouring forth itſelf through the midſt of the Garden of the Heart, and waters it plentifully throughout. The fourth Stream is the eternal Wiſdom, the ſtrong victorious River powerfully defuſeth itſelf every where in us, and doth fill us through and through with everlaſting out-flowings of divine and heavenly Wiſdom. This was in us from the beginning, before the Fall, and by it we were created, for it was the counſil of God in us, and ſhall be ſo again in us when we know the Paradiſe is by Chriſt our Lord opened again in our Hearts, the Joys of a heavenly World about to come an endleſs praiſing, of which I have received a foretaſte.

LETTER XIV.

A ſolemn Funeral to all the falſe Divinations in Chriſtendom, the Beaſt that was and is not, and yet is; the penance Bell tolling the downfal of all the divided Sectaries, the Antichriſt. How ſolemn is the Conſideration.

OH! World, World, fly from the Devil's Standard of Sin, Death and Miſery, his great Army is on the Field, his Trumpets are ſounding, his Colours is flying, the bottomleſs Pit is opened, the Locuſts aſcending, his Corps is all moving in evils, being all under the ſolemn Prediction, Wo, wo, wo, to the inhabiters of the Earth and of the Sea; for the Devil is among you, having great Wrath, becauſe he knoweth his time is but ſhort, the Prince of Darkneſs with his Hoſts is come on the Breath of the Earth, ſounding and reſounding, that God decreed, willed, permitted Evil, whatſoever comes to paſs; cruel is their Soundings it is the breath of the Serpent, how poiſonous are ſuch Voices! God created all Men in the creating of Adam, who was certainly choſen of God for Salvation, with all his Poſterity, and gave him the greateſt Treaſure that ever he could receive (to wit) his free Will to take his delight with God, and love his Maker freely, without any arbitrary Conſtraint, where arbitrary Conſtraint is, the freedom of true love is loſt, for the Lord that giveth one Talent is ready to beſtow ten, on a due improvement of the former, for God is Love, and giveth

rits to the Heirs of Salvation, as ſcripture Teſtimony beareth Record, being a rich Repoſitory of holy and divine Things, Treaſures of Wiſdom, a Revelation from the Court of Heaven, the marvelous Love of God, the Salvation of Man, the Churches deliverance on Earth through Time and Times, Built upon the Rock of Ages, the ſure Word of Prophecy, the Gates of Hell never ſhall prevail againſt it, for it is the Word of the Lord God of Heaven and Earth, the manifeſted Jehovah Jeſus, Creator, Saviour and Redeemer, in the fulneſs of Love to the Age appeared the brightneſs of the Father's Glory, crying, if any Man thirſt, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, out of his Belly ſhall flow Rivers of living Water. I am the Reſurrection and the Life. He that believeth on me, though he were Dead, yet ſhall he Live. Whoſoever liveth and believeth on me ſhall never die, but be changed in the twinkling of an Eye, from Life to Life, paſſing from Glory to Glory, the great Myſtery of Godlineſs, only known in the Age and Stature of the Overcomer, as it is written, unto him that overcometh will I grant to ſit with me in my Throne, with the Crown, and will give to him the Morning Star, the grand Tranſactions of Heaven, the paſſion of the Croſs, the final Combat, the conquering Power, Salvation the free Gift of God, an Eternal Wonder.

none are now found walking in the Life of the holy Jeſus, the ſpirit and truth of his Doctrines is ſo efaced and put out of the Memory of Men as it was foretold at the end of the Beaſt's reign, under the transforming power of Antichriſt, the Conſummation of the Age, that the light of truth ſhould be almoſt totally extinguiſhed, and is meant by the Words of our Lord, who ſaid, immediately after the Tribulation of thoſe Days ſhall the Sun be darkened, and the Moon ſhall not give her light, and the Stars ſhall fall from Heaven, and the powers of Heaven ſhall be ſhaken, which denotes a great Apoſtacy, and falling away from the Life and Purity of the Apoſtolick Church, the truths of Heaven revealed in the Word of the Lord. Alaſs! alaſs! for this carnal Generation Men-pleaſers, lovers of themſelves, ſettled on their Lees, for all that are againſt Chriſt is Antichriſt. Behold the Theatre of the World at this perilous time in the laſt Days, how deplorable is the condition of this miſerable ſinning Age, which have cauſed me to weep in ſecret. How ſolemn is the Conſideration! moving and affecting! it made the Lord's true Prophets of old weep; they cried aloud and ſpared not, warning in their Generations. The holy Jeſus weeped over Jeruſalem, and cried, O Jeruſalem, Jeruſalem, I would have gathered thee and ſaved thee, but thou woulſt not. How awful was the Prediction announced by the righteous Judge! ſaying, all the Bloodſhead from righteous Abel to Zecharias ſhall come upon this Generation. John, in his Apocalyptic Viſions, ſaw the Antichriſt, his working with Signs and lying Wonders, in all manner of deceiveableneſs, who have deviſed to

Grace for Grace, and if Men abuſe this greateſt Treaſure of Salvation, which is the free Gift of God, if he abuſe this Love its for himſelf, for as it is written, Sinners hands make their Snare, but unto as many as love the Lord, and receive him with his Talents, he gives them power to become his Sons and Heirs of Glory, filled with heavenly Wiſdom, Goodneſs and Truth, for after that God has made all things beautiful and good, does not change them any more, but let ſecond cauſes act; for Example, God has given Men the knowledge of Induſtry to make Knives for the uſes of his Entertainment, which is good, but if he with the ſame Knife comes to kill his Brother, cannot be ſaid that God has permitted him; No, no, if he had aſked Permiſſion of God he would have forbidden him. Man does all Evil by the conſent of his own evil Will, whereas if he reſigned himſelf to God's Will, God would work in him both to will and to do all things that is good; the Devil is a chained Dog, who can go no farther than Men lengthen the Chain to him, he can bite none but thoſe that come nigh him. God hath given Men power over the Devil to reſiſt him, but never gave the Devil power over Men, the Devil cannot ſeduce Men remaining faithful, perſevering in the Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt, ſuch God owns to be his Children, and the Devil to be his Enemy, Men loving darkneſs rather than light, forſake God to follow the Devil, as Captives under the dominion of the Old Serpent, whoſe infernal Venom has run as a flood over the whole Earth. The Antichriſt in the World, under a maſk of Piety, covered with Hypocriſy, transformed ſo as to deceive one Generation after another, almoſt

is laid to the root, to hew down the Tree, and break down that great Satule, the falſe Church, which Sin is rendered abominable to God, as we read in the Revelations, of a Beaſt that was and is not, and yet is, he is the Eighth, and of the Seventh which hath come out of the bottomleſs Pit, which haſten to Perdition, a complex of the former Evils, and they that dwell on the Earth wonder after the Beaſt, whoſe Names are not written in the Book of Life. Here is the mind that hath Wiſdom, whoſo readeth let him underſtand the Abomination of deſolation ſtand in the holy Place, ſo great is the Affliction, Soul merchandizing a time of trouble, ſuch as never was ſince it was a Nation. Antichriſt the Man of Sin revealing lying Hereſies, infernal Poiſon, the breath of the Serpent generating diabolical Influences amongſt the wrangling Sectaries in every reſpect anſwers the extraordinary Characters of this Apocalyptic Beaſt. And I ſaw a Woman ſit upon a ſcarlet coloured Beaſt full of Names Blaſphemy, and upon her Forehead was a Name written, Myſtery Babylon the Great, the mother of Harlots, and Abominations of the Earth, the ſecond Character of the Beaſt is applicable to all the falſe Divinations taught in the Pulpits of Chriſtendom, corrupting Languages which is not the truth, counterfeiting transforming appearances, as it is written in the Word of the Lord, if it were poſſible would deceive the Elect, whereunto we do well to take heed to the ſure Word of Prophecy. How ſolemn is the conſideration! O, lay this to heart long deceived Chriſtendom.

appear like the Son of God, Satan transforming himſelf under his covering of Sheep ſkins, although inwardly as a Wolf. John ſaw, in his Viſion, this great Company now on Earth, Satan's Hoſts, who have viſibly appeared muſtering in Babylon and have turned the great World into Confuſion. John, the great Viſionary, in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, in the Iſle of Patmos, propheſyed of the Antichriſt, ſaying, thy Merchants are the great Men of the Earth, by their Sorceries all Nations are deceived, Babylon the Great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of Devils, and the hold of every foul Spirit, and a Cage of every unclean and hateful Bird, and in her is found the Blood of Prophets and of Saints, and of all that was ſlain upon the Earth. O! World, World, the penance Bell is tolling warning in Love to fly from the Wrath to come, when the ſound of Milſtone ſhall be heard no more in thee, when time ſhall be no more. He who is guided by the Spirit of God will write and ſpeak the truth without regarding whether it pleaſe or diſpleaſe Men; on the contrary, he who is led by the propriem of ſelf-hood reputation with the World, eaſe, earthly gain of hire, having Men's perſons in Admiration, becauſe of Advantage, falſe Teachers will ſpeak as Men, or their own particular Sect are willing to hear, ſuch guides, with ſuch as are led by them fall into the bottomleſs Pit, ſo perilous are now the times of danger, the deceivers with the deceived all unwilling to repent. The lamentable ſituation of the preſent Age, the Spirit of God will ſpeak the truth, and is now preaching to all the World, that the Abomination is in the Sanctuary, and that it is high time to turn to God, that the Axe

First Trial. Every Sect that is now gone out into the World, believing, uttering and teaching that a holy, juſt and wiſe God permitted, willed, decreed Evil, whatſoever comes to paſs, as they have wrote in their devotional Books, all who are thus deceived and deceiving, fettered under ſuch Falſities denotes a darkened Age, all ſuch are falſe Spirits.

Second Trial. All the Sects of ſpiritual Merchandiſers who buy and ſell the Scriptures, as it is written in the Apocalypſe, that no Man can buy or ſell, ſave he that have the mark of the Beaſt upon his Forehead, all ſuch are falſe Spirits.

Third Trial. All the Sects who have the Mark, and make up the Number of the Beaſt, with his ſix hundred and ſixty-ſix Names of Blaſphemy are falſe Spirits.

Fourth Trial. All the Sectaries in their different Orders of Prieſthood, who enter into their Miniſtry by the Gate of Swearing, Swearing they were called of God, as was Moſes and Aaron (it being a Lie) all ſuch are lying falſe Spirits.

Fifth Trial. All the numerous Tribes of Prieſts of the divided Sectaries throughout the Nations of whatever Community who open their Mouths in the old Nature, being chained under the Authority of the evil Powers, Praying about War, for ſucceſs to Armies and Navies, all ſuch are falſe Spirits.

LETTER XV.

To A. S. I.—R. *On the Trial of Spirits.—For many Spirits have gone out into the World, that is not of God.*

SIR,

IN the Love of God, and in deep Humility writes you, and with gladneſs of Heart, for there is more Joy in Heaven at the Repentance of one Sinner than there is for ninety and nine juſt Perſons who need no Repentance, and ſo long as your enquiry is concerning the New Jeruſalem Church, the holy City coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her Huſband, with Crowns and Diadems; on ſuch heavenly Subjects will correſpond with you while Time laſts, the Word of the Lord ſolemnly calls me to give up all Religious Communion with Unbelievers, and to come out from amongſt all the wrangling divided Sectaries, and be ſeperated from all their defiling Abominations, as it is written in the holy Scriptures, come out of Babylon my People. The time is now come when Men will not endure ſound Doctrine. but after their own Luſts they keep unto themſelves Teachers, having itching Ears, and as it is written, many follow their pernicious ways, and through covetouſneſs ſhall with feigned words, make merchandiſe of Slaves and Souls of Men. Beloved Sir, believe not every Spirit, but try the Spirits whether they be of God. Let a Trial of Spirits run thus.

ceries, nor of their Fornications, nor of their Theft, Ver. 21. Scripture Revelation, the ſure Word of Prophecy is a Glaſs by divine Illumination, which is the gift of the Lord, things in Heaven, things in Hell are ſeen, and in this World an innumerable Number of falſe Spirits.

So much for the Trial of falſe Spirits, that are now gone out deceiving the World; the diſcuſſers and hearers of ſuch Abſurdities, with their dry quirky Declamation in the old Nature, confirming their falſities of Principle, which is the Abomination of Deſolation that hath appeared in the Sanctuary, which belong to the Kingdom of Darkneſs; therefore it is high time to flee from the Evils, as a Snare they have come upon the whole Earth, lamented by your Friend for Eternity, in Tribulation, aggrieved

PILGRIM.

P. S. Beloved Sir, Let us take heed to the ſure Word of Prophecy, which is the Word of the Lord, pure and profitable; it was the Prophet's complaint of Iſrael, ſaying my People is deſtroyed for lack of Knowledge; Juſtice is fallen in the Streets, and Equity cannot enter, our Lord weeped over Jeruſalem, they had perverted the Law and made his Father's Houſe a Den of Thieves, a Houſe of Merchandiſe, applicable to this ſinning Age; wherein, Creeds, Confeſſions, Church Articles, State Politics annexed to their religious Traditions are made ſubſervient to private Ends, Men carnal and ſenſual, ſuch are the evil Fruits that grow on the corrupt

Sixth TRIAL. All the Men of the World, who are wandering after the Beaſt, all who keeps up and are Employers of a carnal Prieſthood, expreſsly forbid by ſcripture Teſtimony, all ſuch are falſe Spirits.

Seventh TRIAL. All the divided Sectaries who are now contending in the World, each of them crying, Lo we are the true Church, come to us; there is none of them chuſes to be called the Beaſt with two horns, like a Lamb, ſpeaks as a Dragon, cauſing the Earth and them that dwell therein to worſhip the firſt Beaſt whoſe deadly wound is healed. Some of the Sectaries are ſo ſunk into darkneſs as to ſay all they do is Sin; which is acknowledging themſelves that they have yielded their Wills to Evil, and are under the Power of the Prince of Darkneſs, all ſuch are falſe Spirits.

Eighth TRIAL. Jeſus Chriſt is the Prince of Peace, the King of Saints, and his Laws are love of endleſs duration. But our Lord's Army doth not yet appear, the one hundred and forty-four thouſand with the Lamb on Mount Sion, ſealed with the Seal of God on their Foreheads. Ah! Sir, is it not too viſible, and certainly true, that the Kingdoms of the Earth, all with one accord, have yielded themſelves to Evil, Diſcord, War, Murders, Rapine, Bloodſhead; they have made the Devil univerſal Emperor of the whole World, and his great Army viſibly appeareth, as it is written in the Apocalypſe Chap. ix. ver. 16. and the Number of the Army of the Horſemen two hundred thouſand thouſand, neither repent they of their Murders, nor of their Sor-

to all the Generations that ever were upon the face of the Earth; it will be a dreadful and a terrible Day to all Mankind, except the few that are waiting for the coming of our Lord, ſafely arked in the New Covenant, its heavenly Principle paſſing from Death unto Life, living in perfect Love that caſteth out all Fear, our Hearts in Abraham's Boſom above the Gulf, the few that have hearkened to the Voice of the true Shepherd, that Voice of pure Love, that knocketh at the door of the Hearts of Men, the few the followers of the Lamb, with his Nature and in his Love, that hath opened their Hearts to this holy Gueſt, and entertain Communion with God, bringing forth the Fruits of Heaven, the ſweet Joys of eternal Life, Enoch's Life ſhall be taken up. O ye dear Elijah's, our heavenly Father's Chariots are in readineſs waiting for us in Love, for all ſhall go well with the righteous, for God is our Light, and our Way is to Glory. The Heavens and the Earth are kept in ſtore, reſerved unto Fire againſt the Day of Judgment and Perdition of ungodly Men. 2 Pet. Chap. iii. Oh! World, World, be warned, flee from the Wrath to come. Noah warned the Antideluvians one hundred and twenty Years, they ſcorned the Meſſenger of the Lord till the Waterſpouts of Heaven convinced them. Lot's meſſage was mocked by the Sodomites till the Morning when the ſhowers of Fire made their Bodies boil in anguiſh; a ſerious reflection. When the Lord Jeſus ſhall be revealed from Heaven in flaming Fire, taking Vengeance on the Ungodly, whoſe End is Deſtruction, baniſhed from the preſence of the Lord and the Glory of his Power; then the miſerable Horrors will take hold of wicked Men, trembling

Tree of Self-love. John, the forerunner of Jeſus Chriſt, proclaiming the Laws of Heaven with ardent Love, exhorting all to Repent and bring forth the Fruits of Love, ſaying he that hath two Coats, give one to him that needeth and Meat alſo. Love Love is of heavenly Extraction, running as a Stream from the Fountain, it is the Gift of the Lord communicating itſelf like its divine Author; it ſuffereth long, and is kind; it ſeeketh not its own things, it beareth all things, it hopeth all things, endureth all things and never faileth, being pure, peaceable, gentle, eaſy to be intreated, full of Mercy, full of good Fruits, without Partiality and Hypocricy, the true Temple Worſhip from Heaven, and its heavenly Doctrines, the way of Holineſs, Heaven opened to the ſpiritual Man, praiſing and glorifying God.

LETTER XVI.

A ſolemn Revelation concerning the Deſolution, Deſtruction and burning of this old World, the Work of Men's Hands; the Conſummation of the Age, and laſt Judgments, Infernals, Priſoners in their gloomy Hells, in Scripture Language, called a Lake of Fire, a ſecond Death.

THE Deſolution and burning of this old World, the Works of Men's Hands, is a ſerious, awful and an important Subject, the ending of Time

from Heaven the Son of the Moſt High God, with a rich Cargo Eternal Life to all Mankind who would believe in him, with his twelve Lights from the heavenly World, Apoſtles and holy Martyrs, a Cloud of Witneſſes finiſhing their Teſtimonies that Jeſus Chriſt the manifeſted Jehovah and one Lord, was the firſt begotten from the Dead, the firſt new Creature, and head of a new Creation, who have aboliſhed Death, opening a way to a ſpiritual World, leading to a true knowledge of heavenly, ſpiritual and celeſtial Truths, as revealed in the New Jeruſalem Church, but when they had finiſhed their Teſtimonies, the ſcripture Declaration of Law and Goſpel, which is the Word of the Lord, in all its contents Pure and Spiritual, Precious and Profitable, like Jacob's Ladder, reaching to Heaven, the Lord and Angels meets with Men, of which I have received a foretaſte. The Beaſt that aſcended out of the bottomleſs Pit, makes War againſt them, overcame them and killed them, Rev. xi. Truth has fallen on the Streets of the great World. Sodom and Egypt. The holy Scriptures, which is the Word of the Lord, in their inward Contents, are pure and ſpiritual; the Letter of the Scriptures is in this carnal divided Age, manufactured and turned every way to pleaſe the itching Ears of wrangling Sectaries, for the true witneſſing Spirit of God from above torments the Men that dwell on the Earth, a long delapſe and Night of darkneſs, during the Beaſts reign, Dragon and falſe Prophet, the Antichriſt that hath now viſibly appeared, the workings of Satan, with all Power and Signs and lying Wonders; crying, Lo here and Lo there. The Man of Sin is revealed, the Son of

with anguiſh, howl, lament, yell and cry, bite and gnaw their Tongues for pain, would creep into the Caves and clifts of the Rocks to hide and bury themſelves, but there is no more Grave to hide them when ſummoned to the Bar of Judgment, the Trumpets ſounding an awful alarm; in this Horror all the Buildings of the World will fall down, for the Earth ſhall tremble, the Waters will boil with great Commotions, the Fire will rend the Rocks, and melt down the Foundations of the Mountains as a ſtrong Furnace, for it will be the great refining Day of Purification, piercing through all Centers; that Day ſhall burn as an Oven, when the Heavens ſhall paſs away with a great noiſe, and the Elements melt with a fervent heat; the Sun ſhall be turned into Darkneſs, and the Moon into Blood, the Earth will be unclean with the Carcaſes that lay as Dung upon the Earth, Tranſgreſſors with the horrible gnawing Worm, tormenting Pain, with the Teeth of Beaſts upon them, the Poiſon of Serpents, of the Duſt they will feed on Corruption, they will get all their own Evils to themſelves below the Gulf; for all the ſinning Generations that ever were muſt come forth and appear at the general Judgment, Cain and Nimrod, the Antideluvians who rejected the Lord's Meſſage by Noah in their Generations; Pharaoh with his Egyptian Hoſt muſt all appear. How ſolemn will be the ſcene, the Sodomites and Gomorrah, Gog, Magog and Gomer, with all their Armies; Herod, Judas, Pilate, High-Prieſt, hardened Jews, Scribes, Phariſees, high in their profeſſion, it is written they were a Generation of Vipers; they will all be judged who cruelly put to Death and extinguiſhed that great Luminary ſent

for they make Merchandize of the Souls of Men, Kings, Princes, Emperors, with all their flatterers, whom they have ruled. Generals, with their murdering Armies, muſt all appear. Wicked Fathers, Mothers, Parents with their Children, roaring yelling gnaſhing at one another, the Dragon's followers; Dragon, Beaſt and falſe Prophet, three infernal Powers that have ruled the whole Earth in miſery; wicked Men in Power and Dignities, the Antigods, the Antichriſts ſhall be caſt into the Lake that burneth, a noiſome Lake a deep Gulf, a Hell of Torments; the holy Spirit teſtifyeth that the wicked ſhall be turned into Hell, a dreadful and tremendous Day; this World ſhall burn as an Oven, the wicked ſhall be as Stubble, the proud ſhall be trodden down, no more to be Poſſeſſors of this Earth. The great Furnace of Purification will boil and refine all the good and beautiful Works of God, none of them ſhall periſh; this World was made truly beautiful beyond deſcription; Sin, with its malignity in wicked Men, hath efaced and changed the beautiful Order of all things, and corrupted the whole Earth, and have added Corruption to Corruption, and have ſwelled up the whole Earth to an unclean Dunghil, which ſhall be again rendered to its Makers. This great refining fiery Day, the Day of ſeperation the good from the evil; the Dead in their Graves of Sin ſhall hear the Voice of the Son of God, the Eternal Word. All things will move to their Centers, God's beautiful Creation by the Word of his Power ſhall come forth like the pure Gold, for all his works ſhall aſcend upwards, and all the Corruptions that the wicked have made

Perdition is made manifeſt, Popes, Prelates, Preſbyterians, that have cauſed all Oppreſſions, Contentions, murdering one another in Wars, Bloodſhead throughout Chriſtendom, and all the World over; falſe Chriſtian, Mahomatan, Heathen, Pagan have a Law written on the Table of their Hearts, their Conſciences bearing Witneſs, accuſing or excuſing, Rom. Chap. ii. ver. 15. they muſt all come up in their Generations; the great Tribunal is erected, the Judgment is ſet; how awful and ſolemn will be the aſſize, when the Books of all Secrets are opened, the Sea gives up her Dead, the Murderers and the Murdered muſt all appear in gloomy Horrors, the whole Creation groaneth, and traveleth in pain to be delivered from the bondage of Corruption, the Earth will teem her Bowels, for the Dead in their Graves of Sin ſhall hear the Voice and come forth to be judged, the Deceivers and the Deceived muſt all come to the trial of the great Day, and as Criminals at the Bar, forlorn and diſtreſſed, the Devil deceiving them when living in plenty conformable to the Evils and Cuſtoms of the World, perſuading all was well till he hatched them in his Net. Pains, Sickneſs to Death, the deceivers and flattering Teachers, for their Money, giving them hopes that their Souls go to Heaven till the happy Reſurrection Day. Millions of Millions have thus been deceived; all that have come out in Sheeps cloathing, found to be Wolves, on that Day, who have cried, Lord, Lord, the Judge will ſay, I know ye not, depart. All the worldly wiſe Sect Maſters that have come out in Chriſt's Name, ſpeaking ſmooth things to their Followers, falſe Teachers always ſpeaks as Men loves to hear them,

theſe malignities will act together upon the Bodies of the damned, for they ſhall all be in one meſs of family likeneſs, for they have made all their own Evils ſhaggred Monſters feeds on Corruption, the Judgment is rendered upon their own Heads; then ſhall Prophecies and Parables have their Accompliſhment. Dives in the Gulf is tormented with his burning Tongue, but no water. Lazarus above with Abraham at the Table of Glory, ſafely arked with God in the Society of the New Jeruſalem Church, the general Aſſembly and Church of the firſt Born, the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect. The infernal Powers will rage and roar at this Epiſtle, diſcovering the dark Abodes and fiery Chambers, the reſidence of the Wicked, the Hells in Lucifer's Kingdom, the Dragon's followers, who are wondering after the Beaſt; many under a maſk of Piety, wrapped ſecurely in their Cloaks of Hypocriſy, Merchants of Babylon all aſſembled around the head of the Beaſt, for it is written his Kingdom is full of Darkneſs, do all they can to ſtifle the Truth, to murder the Child in its Cradle; ſaying, how does this Man know theſe things? Anſwer, Wiſdom is of God, his Secrets is laid up in Store, and ſealed up as a Treaſure, opened to the ſimple Babes of his own begetting, the Jewels are reſerved for his Children: Yet a little while the Devil has his Empire, the Dragon, Beaſt and falſe Prophet claim this World as their own and divided it amongſt themſelves. The wickedneſs of Men increaſe greatly, the bitter mixture in their Cup is filling up. So ſoon as the reign of Antichriſt ſhall be at an End, God will bruiſe Satan under the feet

ſhall deſcend downwards, correſponds with the Evils in the dark Habitations, the fiery Abodes, the Hells of the Wicked. The Fire of Hell will not be like the Fire we ſee, it hath now a mixture of the Works of God, God has given to Fire a ſweet and beautiful Light, with an agreeable pleaſant Heat, Sin has given it blackneſs and to burn, theſe two Evils ſhall be removed to Hell, it will burn and blacken the Bodies of the Wicked, dry and withered Spectres, ugly and deformed Appearances who have ſpoiled the Works of God by their Rebellion, the Hells of Devils and condemned Spirits is no leſs than a ſeperation from God, who is all good. The Lord will be then known to his Adverſaries; at the general Judgment every Eye ſhall ſee him whom they have pierced, and mourn. The mean Man ſhall bow down, the great Man ſhall be aſhamed, the young Man, the Virgin, the Suckling alſo, with the Man of gray Hairs ſhall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, Deut. Chap. xxxii. the Corruptions and Venoms, all that ever were generated on this Earth, will be there an empty and waſte Place, a Gulf of darkneſs, the Earth turned upſide down, all the corrupted Souls whoſe Bodies went down to their Graves ſhall be there; it will be there with the People as with the Prieſt, with the Seller as with the Buyer, with the taker of Uſury as with the giver of Uſury, all the Haughty and Proud ſhall be there with all their Evils to pine and languiſh, the heart of the high ones are puniſhed as priſoners in the Pit, crying in Pain with vomiting and hoarſeneſs, caſting out the Poiſon of the Serpent, poiſonous Thunders, Lightnings, Bitings, Tempeſts, gnawing of Worms, all

God, which he has reſerved for his Elect. Eye hath not ſeen, nor Ear heard, nor has it entered the heart of Man to know the abounding Riches and Glories of this Kingdom. Here we know but in part; all the holy Scriptures are full of its Glory; the Apocalyptic Viſions of John is a bright Mirror of this golden Age. This is the Feaſt ſignified by the Parable of the King, who made a Marriage for his Son. This Son is Jeſus Chriſt, united in Love to all Mankind; his Spouſe and Bride, the Lamb's wife. This Kingdom is again ſignified by the Parable of the Maſter who went into a far Country, giving Talents to his Servants to every one according to their Ability; and at his return will demand an account to give them their Wages. God ſo loved the World gave his only Son, and is no reſpecter of Perſons, have given to all Gifts and Graces, glad tidings of great Joy is revealed in the Goſpels, and again he has aſcended unto his Father, which is the long Journey, he is now about to return, coming in his Glory to demand an account of every one, and to place his faithful Servants over great things, and make them enter into the Joy of his beloved Kingdom. This Kingdom is pointed out by the Parable of the Maſter who made a Feaſt, and ſent his Servants to call thoſe that were bidden, who excuſed themſelves; one had bought Oxen, another a Field, another had taken a Wife. The Birth of Jeſus Chriſt was the time he came to invite Men to the Feaſt which God would make, that he might take his delight with Men. As ſoon as the Day ſhall come, that Chriſt ſhall come in the Glory of his Father with his Angels, and with all his Saints to poſſeſs the new Heavens and the new Earth,

of his faithful Servant, then we ſhall triumph over all the Powers of Hell, but we muſt yet ſuffer a little and continue in the love of God, and abide in him who is faithful in all things, true and righteous, ſpeaking as the Spirit of the Lord giveth utterance. For all our Talents is freely given us of the Lord, and muſt be improved for his own Glory, and for the good of all Mankind. If then I ſhut up my Bowels from the Needy, and draw not forth my Soul to the Hungry, if I love not my Neighbour as myſelf, and forgive all Injuries done me whatſoever, and, in love of all that is good, ſpeak and write, warning all Mankind to flee from the Evils and Snares that hath come upon the whole Earth, although by the wiſelings of this World be accounted a fool, if then I obey not in all things my Lord have commended, my Talent would be then hid in the Earth. Woes me if the Lord when he comes find me ſo doing, although I ſhould write or ſpeak like an Angel, I ſhould be no more than a Hypocrite.

LETTER XVII.

A beautiful Proſpect of the new Heavens and new Earth, their Riches and tranſparent Glories, ſpiritual Bodies, how Beautiful: the Hoſts of Angels, the Throne of God, Chriſt reigning with his Saints, the Glory of the New Jeruſalem Church.

THE New Heavens and the new Earth is a delightful and glorious Subject, the Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt about to come, are the Treaſures of

The holy Spirit have ſpoke by the Mouths of Prophets, Abraham, David, Solomon, the Apoſtles; Jeſus Chriſt himſelf have ſpoke largely of this glorious Kingdom to come on Earth, who ſaid to his Diſciples, I will not drink of the fruit of the Vine until that Day I drink it New with you in my Father's Kingdom, I am amongſt you as he that ſerveth; Ye are they which have continued with me in my Temptations and I appoint unto you a Kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me, that ye may Eat and Drink at my Table in my Kingdom, and ſit on Thrones judging the twelve Tribes of Iſrael. This muſt be underſtood of a glorious Kingdom about to come; the Saints and Martyrs of Jeſus will ſhine in his Glory as precious Stones; for hear he cloaths his Friends with the Image of the Heavenly, carrying the undefiled Word of Truth in our Boſoms, being begotten a new by the incorruptable Seed, which is the Word of the Lord, it is the hidden Treaſure ſpoke of, it is the inner Ground of all Prophecy, and of Parables, uttering by the ſtrong Voice of the Lord from Heaven, to the Joy of his ſpiritual Iſrael; the full underſtanding of it has been reſerved for the laſt times, Dan. Chap. xii. Jeſus Chriſt ſays, he who ſhall leave Father, Mother, Brethren, Siſters, Wife, Children, Houſes, Lands or any other Things, for my Names ſake, ſhall have an hundred Fold in this World, and Life Eternal. This cannot be underſtood in this preſent Life; Jeſus Chriſt ſays, that he had not a Stone to reſt his Head, and that his followers ſhould be hated in Poverty and Tribulations, to Death. When Jeſus Chriſt comes in his Glory, with his Saints to poſſeſs the new Earth, where he ſhall

all who were invited here on this Earth by the Evangelical Goſpel, all that have not gone up to the ſpiritual Feaſt will excuſe themſelves; one will ſay, I was a Merchant waiting on my Merchandize; another will ſay, I married and could not attend. Jeſus Chriſt will then ſay, none of thoſe who were called ſhall taſte of my Banquet, nor partake of the Delights of my marriage Feaſt. All the other Parables ſpeak of nothing but this Kingdom Jeſus Chriſt's reign upon Earth; when he compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a Grain of Muſtard, by this he ſignifies that it will be only the little and the humble who ſhall inherit this Kingdom; the poor in Spirit, the mortified upon Earth, by Faith walking in love of God; ſuch will grow ſo ſtrongly, and become receptive in the love of heavenly Truths, that the Angels of Heaven ſhall come to reſt in their Branches. The Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a Treaſure hid in the ground, that he who has found it ought to ſell all that he has to buy this ground, that he may have this Treaſure, that is the Kingdoms of Jeſus Chriſt, the heavenly Myſtery, the ſpiritual Glories is hid from the Judgment of the wiſe of this World, and unknown, being as it were ſunk in the ground, and ſhall be found by the ſimple, who have reſigned their Will to God, who laboured in a divine Life to find the Kingdom of Heaven, Experimentally knows the Word of the Lord, my Yoke is eaſy and my Burden is light; and when they diſcover it by the Operation of the holy Spirit, which is the free Gift of God, they ſell all that they have to follow this Evangelical Life. Zacharias ſpeaks by his prophetical Spirit when he ſaw the Glory of Jeſus Chriſt upon Earth.

reign upon the Earth. Iſaiah ſpeaks by his prophetical Spirit, when he ſaw the Glory of Jeſus Chriſt upon Earth. This glorious Kingdom about to come, makes me ſing with Joy of Heart; the bleſſed in this Earth, bleſſed in the God of Truth; who ſayeth, behold I create a new Heavens and a new Earth; the former ſhall be remembered no more, and I will rejoice in Jeruſalem, and Joy in in my People, for they are the Seed of the bleſſed of the Lord, and their Offspring with them. John, by this prophetical Spirit, in Viſion ſaw the holy City, the New Jeruſalem coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a Bride, adorned for her Huſband. The Wiſdom and Power of God, who formed the Body of Man a beautiful Structure, as was Adam in Innocency, will likewiſe by the Power of his Word, form the abode of the ſame Body, Glorious beyond Expreſſion. The holy Spirit ſpeaks of the heavenly Jeruſalem, that its Gates ſhall be of precious Stones, and the Walls of pure Gold; this is not only in a myſtical and ſpiritual Senſe, but alſo in a material Senſe, as all things muſt be perfect and accompliſhed in their time Spiritually, Corporally, Materially; for God cannot do any thing imperfectly, Deut. Chap. xxxii. ver. 4. what the Lord hath ſpoke by his Spirit will ſtrictly be fulfilled in his own due time, for he is a God of Order, the Fountain of all Perfection, as it is written, thus ſaith the Lord, Behold I make all things New, a new Heaven and a new Earth, and the Old ſhall be remembered no more, as it is ſaid in Iſaiah, that then ſhall the Glory and Luſtre of the new Heavens appear beautiful, and the new

render the hundred Fold for all the things that we have forſaken in this Life, for his glorious Name's ſake, for one Father we ſhall have an hundred, for we ſhall all be bleſſed, and ſhall all have the loving Hearts of Fathers and Mothers towards one another; we ſhall all be Brethren and Siſters in Purity and Love, under the Government of one eternal and glorious Father; the promiſes of Jeſus Chriſt ſhall be accompliſhed in a perfect Senſe; all the paſſages of Scripture do verify theſe bleſſed Truths. Gabriel, the holy Angel ſent of God, declares concerning this glorious Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt about to come, that he ſhall be great, and be called the Son of the Moſt High, and the Lord God ſhall give unto him the Throne of his Kingdom their ſhall be no End. Gabriel cannot ſpeak this of his coming in the Stable of Bethlehem; for he was but a little Infant, abandoned and neglected of Men; whereas his Grandeur conſiſted in Poverty and Miſeries; he was then very far from being called the Son of the Moſt High, he could not then liſt up his Horn to exalt his Power, being a Babe, having no ſtrength to reſiſt King Herod and the Phariſees, who purſued him to Death; before whom he fled inſtead of reſiſting. Nothing of this glorious Kingdom as yet, have had its Accompliſhment: Nevertheleſs, all that is ſpoke by the holy Spirit muſt be intirely fulfilled; as ſoon as the time of the reign of Jeſus Chriſt ſhall come in its ſplendid Glory, he will exalt his Horn to exerciſe his Power, and condemn the wicked; and he ſhall be known of all Men for to be the Son of the Moſt High; for he will come in Glory, Majeſty, and in Power, to Rule over all Things, Pſal. ii. It is therefore of the Day when he ſhall come to

LETTER XVIII.

A Salutation to all the ſpiritual Seed who are waiting for the coming of the Lord, the holy City New Jeruſalem coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her Huſband, the Glory of the New Jeruſalem Church.

BELOVEDS,

O Ye Daughters of Sion the Houſhold of Faith, the New Jeruſalem Church conſecrated and given unto the Moſt High, let us rejoice in the coming of our Lord. O the ever burning and always flaming, yea the unutterable Love of God have apprehended me: Love is that ineſtimable and precious Jewel, the brighteſt Diadem of the heavenly Crown; it is in this Love cometh Greeting you all, in the divine Nature have ſet me down to ſalute the heavenly Seed all the World over, now in the Orchard of free Grace, wherever it appeareth it is very pleaſant to behold the Truths revealing from Heaven, budding upon the Trees, the inward Paradiſe, the Bloſſoms how beautiful, ripening to a pure Fruit preparing us all the Nurſings of the Lord for the Garden of Glory. O ye Daughters of Sion and Members of the New Jeruſalem Church, we are all one Body in Chriſt our Lord and Head, with the true anointing behold how we love one another, the Communion and Fellowſhip of Saints is truly precious, ever loving and learning the princely Language of a ſpiritual World, which comes with Subſtance and Power, it is the heavenly Food of the

Earth become as a Chriſtaline Sea, for all the Wonders of God ſhall be ſeen in it, and all that have been ſpoke in the Scriptures by the Spirit of God, by the Prophets of the Lord, ſhall be ſeen in fulfilment with great Wonder and Admiration. Then ſhall the Tabernacle of God be with Men, for it will be the everlaſting Sabbath, Chriſt and his Flock in the Noon Day Glory, all in their holy and princely Habitations, with him on the Thrones of his Majeſty; then will be ſeen that which will be altogether Divine and Celeſtial upon the new Earth, to reign with him and ſerve him in his living Temple with pure Hearts, whoſe glorious Image will ſhine in us and through us, as a Chriſtaline tranſparent Glaſs Temple, for we will be changed and transfigured into his Glory, for he hath ſaid, I will dwell in them, as in a Temple, and as in a Looking Glaſs, continually renewing the Images of his Glory in us, as Face to Face, we continually adoring, praiſing and admiring his Beauty in the higheſt Perfection for his Greatneſs, Jehovah will create upon all the Glory, a Covering, and his Praiſe will ever be unutterable amongſt the Millions of angelic Men and Spirits, that will ſtand before the great white Throne, Jehovah, Jeſus, the Lamb in the midſt thereof, with the redeemed Family praiſing Hoſannas in all Royal Languages, the ingathering of all ſpiritual Generations, to be for ever with the ancient of Days, the great and moſt mighty praiſe-worthy higheſt Power in Love, the origin and everlaſting Fountain of all Wiſdom, the Glory and Light of all the innumerable heavenly Hoſts; Chriſt with his Saints on the new Earth, it is the great Jubilee about to come, by Grace I have received a foretaſte. Alleluia.

ſways a kingly Scepter, who rules over his Subjects the Words that proceed from the Mouth, Praiſes and Thankſgiving, for God is True and Righteous and juſtifieth his Wiſdom by his Children, whoſe heavenly Treaſure is in Earthen Veſſels, Holineſs unto the Lord whoſe Love is ever before me, who hath given unto me a fair Olive Branch, the Fruit is Health, without fear of Death, continually feeding on the incorruptable Fare, the true Bread that cometh down from God out of Heaven, the Food of the new Creature, which makes the Suckling cry Hoſanna; how beautiful are the Babes uttering Praiſes, they are of a comely Stature and truly Lovely, with our Lamps trimmed in readineſs at the midnight Cry to be as ſo many Ecchoes to the great Trumpet blown by the Archangel the head mover and ſhaker of all the inferior ſpiritual Trumpets, Truths revealing from Heaven to a glorious Jubilee in the Manſions of Love; Love is the crowning of this triumphant Day, for the Lord is our Leader, and rides in the Heavens by his Name Jah, with all Power ſeated on a Throne of Love, calling his Elect from the four Winds of the Earth to partake of all the good things of Heaven, giving Gifts unto Men, who have ſet a Helmet of Judgment upon my Head, the free Gift of Love, that Wiſdom that cometh from above diſcerning betwixt the wicked and the Righteous, with the Sword of the Spirit girded on the Thigh of Truth, for the Lord is true and Righteous, and hath eſtabliſhed me in an everlaſting prieſtly Habitation, which is unmoveable on the Rock of Ages to ſerve daily in God's living Temple, waiting to be found in readineſs at every Watch, the ſound of the laſt Trumpet, for I will

new Creature, I know it, we all dearly love it to the Praiſe of remeeming Love of endleſs Duration. O how lovely, beautiful and comely is my God unto me, whom I now love above all things, for he hath choſen me and redeemed me as his own, and he is mine, his Love is my Love, his Joy is my Joy, his Riches my Riches, his Honour my Honour, his Peace my Peace, and all that he hath is mine and I am his; in a Word I now live in the Lord and to the Lord, for God hath loved me, and lives and walks with me, and upholds me, for he is cloathing and decking me with his rich Attire, the heavenly Ornament, the meek Spirit of Love, his own free Gift, the Armour of Faith and Righteouſneſs, I know I am now eſpouſed to the bleſſed Son of Love, who is Worthy, Worthy of all Praiſes on the higheſt Throne, the dear Emmanuel to whom I am given, for it is the Lord's Day, a Day of Light from the heavenly World, my Union and Communion is with God. Salvation is his own free Gift, therefore I rejoice continually and Praiſe without ceaſing for the Love of God, who hath loved me and made my Portion great, and given to me a goodly Heretage, ſhewing me the Grandeur and Beauty of a ſpiritual World about to come, of which I have received a foretaſte, which my beloved and loving Jeſus hath purchaſed for me, he is my Bridegroom, therefore I am his and he is mine; he is my Treaſure where my heart is always with my beloved, who have cloathed me with the golden Robe of Truth, a Royal and Prieſtly Garment to wait in the inner Court, the Bride-chamber, with the Bow and Crown. Victory is with the Royal Banner, a ſhout of a King is with us, to ſerve in Love, whoſe Power

ing the ſtrong Voice of the living Word of God, it flows in ſtreams of Snow-white Purity, it is the overflowing Love, the eternal Wiſdom of God in us becoming the Victorious Conqueror over all the fallen Powers, to the Praiſe of the Moſt High, Jeſus our Lord, who have gone up before us, who have ſent the Comforter, our Leader leading us into all Truth, to be as Way-marks to a crooked perverſe gainſaying Generation, continually liſping out divine Praiſes from the Temple, the Church of the living God, a Conjunction with Heaven upon Earth, Temples filled with heavenly Love, in holy Aſpirations the ſweet Language of a ſpiritual World, whereunto we are travelling, haſtening the Day of our Lord's Appearance, as it is written, he ſhall ſend his Angels with a great ſound of a Trumpet, and they ſhall gather together his Elect from the four Winds, from the End of Heaven to the other, how ſolemn and joyful is the thought. Alleluia.

1 When Arch-angels Trumpet ſound
With God we will be found.

2 Long ſhall we reign above
In Jeſus' matchleſs Love.

3 Heavens high is our abode
Where dwells our glorious God.

4 See the Lamb was ſlain
Which now in Glory reign.

5 God our King of Kings
To Chriſt we'll Praiſes Sing.

6 With him we'll ever be
Through all Eternity.

now ſoon, yea very ſoon praiſe God's holineſs above this ſinning Generation, and old groaning Earth, and be gathered with all the pure angelical ones, and in all purity of heart ſee Eye to Eye, and behold the Glory of God, things unutterable, reſerved for his Children. O ye beloved and fair Company of the New Jeruſalem Church, happy, happy are we all in this reſpect to entertain Communion with God, and with all his holy Angels, like Children who are continually mounting upwards in Praiſe, with all the holy operative Spirits of the Moſt High, kindled in us by the Sun of Righteouſneſs, our dear Emmanuel and elder Brother, and firſt begotten from the Dead, the firſt new Creature, and head of a new Creation, who have aboliſhed Death, opening a nearer Communication with Heaven, where we all feed on the Tree of Life in the midſt of the ſpiritual Paradiſe, the love of God writ upon our Hearts, made Conquerors and Overcomers with the ſeven fold Light of the heavenly World ſhining in us, the ſeven Spirits of God, which are placed as ſeven burning Candles round about the Throne of the Heart, where God's Power and Love repleniſh the whole new Man, do inwardly enlighten, opening in us a ſpiritual World, coming out of the great Tribulations, the Evils, of this World called of God who is true and faithful. We are now trying and purifying, as Gold from Furnace to Furnace, the Lord is cloathing as with the white Garments of Purity; the ſtrong Love of our Lord, and all the Truths revealing from Heaven, the outflowing Joys, the Lord have choſen us to a princely Habitation, preſerving us blameleſs without Spot or Wrinkle, by the Almighty Power utter-

2 John the Meſſenger of God,
Proclaims a King is on the Road.

3 The wiſe Men by a Star is led,
To ſee Prince Jeſus they were glad.

4 By Heaven's Orders they were ſent,
Him princely Preſents did preſent.

5 Angel's Trumpets now doth ſound,
Peace and good Will on Earth be found.

6 Goſpel Trumpets blows God's Love to all,
Glad Tidings round the Nations roll.

7 Our Lord's ſweet Words for Peace do cry,
No more a Tooth for Tooth, Eye for Eye.

8 Uſeful Plow-ſhares our Swords now be,
Our Spears are Knives to prune Vine Trees.

9 The Goſpel Church Love is our Song,
To New Jeruſalem we belong.

10 Our Enſign's Peace to Nations all,
To Life's ſweet Standard all are call'd.

11 Compell'd to go a Mile we do go twain,
Our Lord commands and we all run.

12 Thoſe that by Violence take our Coats,
We not reſiſt to hold our Cloaks.

O ye Daughters of Jeruſalem, the Houſhold of Faith, come away, your Feet are Beautiful on the Mountains of Truth, the Way of the Redeemed is the Way of Holineſs, and the Unclean ſhall not Paſs over it. The great City of the World, Babylon, as it is written by way of Momento to a darkened World that all may Repent, Rev. Chap. xviii. Saying, Alaſs, alaſs! And every Ship-maſter, and all the Company in Ships and Sailors, their ſpiritual Trafficks making Merchandiſe of Slaves and Souls of Men; Judgment is denounced. Woe, woe, woe, unto the Inhabiters of the Earth and of the Sea, woe unto them with their Smoke and their burning Luſts, Rage, War, Murders, the Evils of Life, ſoon ſhall they all ſtand afar off weeping and Wailing, Fear and Torment come upon them, when no more the Voice of the Harper, nor the Light of a Candle, nor the ſound of a Milſtone ſhall be heard. When all things that are dainty and goodly have departed from the ſpiritual Merchants, the great Men of the Earth, for by their Sorceries are all Men deceived.

LETTER XIX.

The Pilgrim's Triumph in the Lord's Birth.—Croſs.—Reſurrection.—Aſcenſion. The Myſtery of Godlineſs, inward Melody. A Song in the Wilderneſs.

1 ISRAEL no more the brazen Trumpet ſound,
In Bethlehem a young-Prince we've found.

24 Two Coats, nor Shoes we cannot have,
To marr our Flight through Egypt's Graves,

25 We have ſold all, we nothing lack,
For not one weight muſt draw us back.

26 Chriſt's eaſy Yoke, ſweet is his Croſs,
We're running with a glorious Hoſt.

27 With Songs unto Mount Sion walks,
Eternal Life is our ſweet talk.

28 God's precious Word is our ſweet Food,
Each Jot and Tittle's pure and good.

29 We run the Race, ſure is our Crown,
Our Lord was Slain and roſe again.

30 His Laws are Truth and Life to all,
To happineſs all Men do call.

31 Wonders, Wonders! Come and behold,
The Reſurrection of our Lord!

32 For his Aſcenſion is our Road,
To be for ever with our God.

33 God's Meſſenger waits at Penticoſt,
When came a glorious heavenly Hoſt.

34 It was a glorious Goſpel Day,
When heavenly Trumpets loud did play.

13 We will not Smite if they take all,
Our Life's with God, we cannot fall.

14 When we are curs'd, revil'd with hiſſing,
We all in Love forgive with bleſſing.

15 When we do this or that, the beſt,
It is not us, but God's free Gift.

16 The needy borrower comes, we lend,
For all's our Lord's, to us he ſends.

17 Who have two Coats, let him give one,
It's Heaven's Laws that we walk in.

18 Whoe'er hath Meat, let him take care,
A needy Brother with him ſhare.

19 No Treaſure on this Earth up lies,
Such weight's our Lord bid us deny.

20 When we make a feaſt, we call not ſuch,
As ſay come ye and Eat as much.

21 Houſes, Field to Field we cannot have,
Such loads of Earth is but a Grave.

22 Our Heaven's ſure, we nothing want,
In our Lord's rich Treaſures we do Vaunt.

23 No Bags of Gold, Silver nor Braſs,
Through Heaven's Gates can ever Paſs.

47 A earthly King, a hoſtile War,
To Slaughter at their murdering Hour.

48 In ſuch falſe Dreams Men do fall,
Remains in Sin makes their own Hell.

49 In Heaven's Life we all now be,
Eternal Love is God's Decree.

50 Men ſay that God decreed Evil,
Sure it's the Language of the Devil.

51 God's Nature's Love, and that pure Love,
No ſuch falſe Language is above.

52 Bewilder'd Men, your thoughts are Evil,
To think that God is like a Devil.

53 The Devil did decree firſt Sin,
And ſoon with Eve he did begin.

54 A loving God ne'er made a Devil,
But doth forbid all Men from Evil.

55 When Men obey the Devil's Word,
Well do they know it's not the Lord.

56 Eve with the Serpent yet do prattle,
Falſe Tongues are juſt the Devil's Rattle.

57 Such Language Saints did never love,
Take this a warning from above.

58 All who are Advocates for Sin,
The Serpent has got them within.

35 The Government of the Lamb is Love,
The Holy Ghoſt was ſent and mov'd.

36 Now in our Hearts the Lord do dwell,
The Spirit Myſteries do reveal.

37 We joyfully hear the Goſpel Sound,
A Day of Gladneſs we have found.

38 We have ſold all on this old Earth,
Chriſt's Kingdom's come, O ſweet new Birth.

39 Our Water's ſure, our Houſes full of Bread,
We've found our Lord, it's all we need.

40 God with us dwells to make us wiſe,
To praiſe his Love in Paradiſe.

41 Heaven's on the Earth, and known not,
Eternal Life is our ſweet Lot.

42 The worldly wiſe Men come not here,
Self Phariſee will not give Ear.

43 All blinded in the World's Night,
Deſpiſers of the heavenly Light.

44 They buy no Oil are left behind,
Old Satan's Seats the gloomy Mind.

45 Their Houſe is dark with Self's Gain,
Corroding Evil's increaſe their Pain.

46 Unlawful Trafficks grips with Greed,
The Beaſt's black Mark's on their Forehead.

71 Three unclean Spirits juſt like Frogs,
Magicians with inchanting Rods.

72 The Beaſt's Seat's black, dark's his hour,
All Nations ſets array for War.

73 Falſe Magicians all ſtand round,
Truth all their Falſehoods do confound.

74 True Propheſy will beat down all,
For every Babel Sect muſt fall.

75 God's Prophet's Trumpets yet do blow,
The way to Heaven clear they ſhew.

76 Our golden Harps do loudly ring,
With Praiſes to our heavenly King.

77 Chriſt's Words on Paper all are pure,
Our inner Man hath Heaven ſure.

78 The Pilgrim Eyes his Maſter's Road,
Holds ſweet Communion with his God.

79 The Pilgrim lives a happy Life,
Grows like a Lily flees all Strife.

80 The Pilgrim lives in what Chriſt teach,
Careth not what Men do Preach.

81 Although the World do us deſpiſe,
In ſplendid Praiſes we do riſe.

59 The bottomleſs Pit is open'd black,
Men's made the Bible juſt a pack.

60 Some cry here is, and it's Lo there,
Like Chapmen ſelling in a Fair.

61 Shops of different kinds there be,
Roman, Prelate, Preſbytry.

62 Shops great Numbers more than they,
Cry better Wares, come here and buy.

63 They've ſpread diviſions far and near,
Hatching Stuff for itching Ears.

64 A Cockatrice and Spider's Web,
Like digging Graves to bury Dead.

65 The Air is dark'ned with their Smoke,
They've turn'd Religion to a mock.

66 Scripture Sellers, they dreſs gay,
With Chriſt's ſweet Words in Pulpit's play.

67 Poor ignorant People ſit and hear,
Till they grow blind, with deaf'ned Ears.

68 It nought avails what Men now Preach,
Who live not in what Chriſt do teach.

69 Good fat Livings, and much Eaſe,
Do carnal Clergy highly pleaſe.

70 Chriſt's Diſciples were not ſo full,
When Ears of Corn they did pull.

LETTER XX.

The Church in the Wilderneſs looking forth as the Morning.—Fair as the Moon —Clear as the Sun.—Terrible as an Army with Banners.

THE Voice of the Lord is in his Meſſengers, the Heralds of the King of Kings ſounding their Trumpets, the Voice of Soundings wax louder and louder, the ſeventh Trumpet of God is Mighty and Powerful, the Night of thick Darkneſs, Ignorance, Bondage and Affliction is far ſpent, the Day of Redemption, the welcome Year of general Jubilee and glorious Liberty of the Sons of God are at hand, the Day Star of the lightſome Morning is already riſen in the Hearts of hundreds and thouſands of Saints, yea Clouds of Angels, miniſtring Spirits, are impowered Ecchoing from their heavenly Temples, proclaiming and publiſhing terrible things in Righteouſneſs; his ſwift Meſſengers from Heaven are commiſſioned to pour their Vials forth, and woe, woe, woe, to the Inhabiters of the Earth, and of the Sea, by reaſon of the ſore Judgments for their Evils, deſtruction to the ſcarlet coloured Whore, with her golden Cup, making the Nations drunk with her Abominations, ſeven unclean Spirits of Error, Apoſtate Chriſtendom, that have for ſo many Ages ſlain the Righteous, and ſhed the Blood of Saints, the Soul Merchants, Prieſts and People, ſupporters of War, the ſeven headed Monſter, and ugly ten horned Beaſt, all under Condemnation a mark of Vengeance written on their Foreheads, the Dragon's

82 Our Armour's on, it is well prov'd,
We all to New Jeruſalem move.

83 O all ye Saints, ye know this Voice,
Is from our Lord in Paradiſe.

84 We ſerve our God, we dwell alone,
With Sects in falſehood we'll not join.

85 The Lord from Heaven is our King,
And we ſhall ever with him reign.

86 It's our free Gift, it's from our Lord,
To blow the Trumpet, the ſweet Word.

87 The Woman cloathed with the Sun,
Rich Diadems, Crowns, her Head adorn.

88 Gifts from our Lord, a glorious Light,
Through Nations all ſhall yet ſhine bright.

89 New Heavens bleſſings, come new Earth,
Proclaimed at King Jeſus' Birth.

90 God's Prophet's all foreſaw this Day,
A glorious Scepter then ſhould ſway.

91 The ſeventh Trumpet do proclaim,
Great Voices now is heard in Heav'n.

92 O bleſſed Day, we've heard the ſound,
To reſt in Chriſt's ſweet Sabbath's found.

all Strifes. Diviſions, Diſſentions of Sect or Party, to live with our Redeemer in the Glory of the latter Day, being all taught of the Lord, and the Voice of the Stranger or the falſe Woman ſhall no more ſeduce us. O ye living Witneſſes of Chriſt's Kingdom, and Conquerors, with your Bows and Crowns, Armies of the Lord of Hoſts who have gained the Kingdom, for unto you Saints of the Moſt High God, to you it is given, with the greatneſs of the Dominion under the whole Heavens, take it within yourſelves, for you are not your own, all is yours becauſe you are Chriſt's and Chriſt is God's. Behold our King of Kings, the Saviour comes meek and lowly, who muſt reign, firſt in our Hearts, and over all Princely Thrones, and we all rejoice, with our Palm-branch, crying Hoſanna, Hoſanna to the Moſt High, having the Myſtery of God declared to his Servants the Prophets, the ſeventh Angel is ſounding his Trumpet in the Evening, the Conſummation of the Age, for out of Sion ſhall the Law go forth, and the Word of the Lord which ſhall call all Nations into the Glory of the Kingdom, his meek Lamb-like holy ones ſhall die no more, the holy One that liveth ſhall be ever admired in them, the Pen or Tongue of Men and Angels cannot declare the Glory of the Reſtitution of all things to their firſt Innocence and Purity, the new Creation of God, the knowledge of the Lord, covering and running through our Earth as the Water covereth the Sea, the falſe Prophet, the Hireling, Prieſt and Deceiver muſt bear no more Rule, by the coming of Elias, who is already born, and will prepare the Way of the Lord, and turn the Hearts of the Chil-

followers out of their mouths cometh Blaſphemy. Dearly Beloveds, it is written, the Saints of the Moſt High ſhall take the Kingdom and poſſeſs it for ever and ever. O ye free-born Citizens of the New Jeruſalem, your time is come to awake and come out of the Duſt with the beautiful Garments of Praiſe, having your ſeven golden Lamps lighted up in the Temple of God, preaching the everlaſting Goſpel to all Nations. O ye followers of the Lamb whereſoever he goes, when we dwell in Love we dwell in God, for God is Love, that is the white Stone with the new Name and pure Nature; what Pen can write, or Tongue expreſs the univerſal Love in the new Creation of God, we are all Sons and Beloveds of the King of Kings, the Time now is when the holy one of Iſrael, our heavenly Father do beautify us with Salvation. O ye victorious Army of the Lamb, who on white Horſes, is Emblems of Peace and Love, and in Linen White and Clean, the Innocence of Saints who have gone forth with the Conqueror in Glory and Triumph by the Death of the Croſs, living Witneſſes of the firſt Reſurrection, Aſcenſion, Spiritually and Myſtically, a heavenly Company, a ſpiritual Generation, a royal Prieſthood of God's own begetting, Born again by the holy Spirit, and Word of Wiſdom, with heavenly Power proceeding from your Mouths, the Teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt, which is the Spirit of Prophecy, a holy Zeal for God and the Glory of his own Houſe, we being the ranſomed and redeemed into the heavenly Nature, into the holy Stilneſs, with the Watch ſet in continual Prayer and praiſing God with the Unity of the holy Spirit amongſt the Lord's ſanctified ones, gathered from the four Winds of the Earth, out of

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dren to the Fathers, and the Fathers to the Children, with the Spirit of Power will deſtroy the whole Works of the Devil, and Antichriſt ſhall no more exalt himſelf in the Temple of God, a Truth that whiſpereth from the inner Man, that divine Life that liveth a Servant to all Men in Love, in a Place prepared of God, hid from the Face of the Serpent, in the Wilderneſs with the ſuffering Seed. Wrote from the Temple of God, from the Watch Tower the Watchman ſpeaketh.

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